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## Gulf rejects Somali request

By Muhammad Al Shibani

MOGADISHU, March 20 — A Somali request to join the recently formed Gulf Cooperation Council has been turned down, resident Muhammad Siad Barre disclosed for the first time.

In an interview at his residence here, with Arab News, the Somali president expressed displeasure and blamed "those states for the negative response." Somalia "must play a role" in the council since any danger on the seas is a danger to Somalia and vice-versa, he added. Somalia, which controls the water passage of Bah Al Mandab into the Red Sea represents the backbone of the Arabian peninsula and the Gulf," he said.

However, President Siad Barre lauded the establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council and expressed the hope "to see a military cooperation body set up in the Horn of Africa and Aden when existing problems disappear."

A cooperation council can be formed when some regimes are liberated from foreign domination, or when they become the masters of their destiny," he said.

President Barre said his country "welcomes a summit conference of East African states, including Marxist-ruled Ethiopia, to discuss regional disputes and foreign bases in the area.

Despite sharp differences with Sudanese

## Barre welcomes summit with East Africans

President Jaafar Numeiri on the question of foreign bases in the region at the recent third Islamic summit conference in Taif, the summit expressed understanding of the Somali viewpoint, he added.

"What had taken place between me and President Numeiri (at the Taif summit) was a difference of view on one of the topics. The summit had approved the Somali view-point and the matter ended there" without any action, he said.

The president did not disclose the point of difference with Sudan. But Sudan had urged against the establishment of foreign bases in the Horn of Africa. Somalia on the other hand concluded an agreement with the United States to reopen the former Soviet base in Berbera, north of Somalia, in the face of the presence of a superpower (the Soviet Union) in neighboring Ethiopia.

Two years ago Somalia conquered most of the disputed Ogaden region from Addis Ababa, but was driven back by Ethiopia with the help of the Soviet Union. The United States declined assistance to Mogadishu at

the time.

President Barre said his country spared no effort to end the existing conflict and that Ethiopia did not want to give justice based on self-determination to the ethnic Somali population of western Somalia (the Ogaden).

The president, who refers to the Ogaden as Western Somalia, vehemently rejected the idea that the solution of the disputed territory lies in the return of the Russians to Somalia.

"The Russian will never be returned to Somalia," he said. "The Ethiopian regime cannot deceive the people of the region forever, although it temporarily succeeded in projecting itself as a victim," President Barre said, adding that Addis Ababa is not independent and that the Russian and the Cubans are effectively in control of Ethiopia.

He however said that his government is ready to accept a fresh mediation with Ethiopia provided that its actions are free from foreign domination.

Following is a question and answer of the interview with the Somali president:

Mr. President, I fear that one day Somalia may suffer a continent-wide isolation like South Africa!

A. We don't suffer from isolation or near-isolation at all. If there are differences among us and our African neighbors, Ethiopia and Kenya, each one of them has a different problem, in the light of which our difference is



(Arab News Photo)  
President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia during the interview with Arab News.

## U.N. Council condemns raids on S. Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, March 20 (R) — The Security Council early Friday condemned the Lebanese Christian militia in southern Lebanon for the death last Monday of two Nigerian members of the U.N. peace-keeping force and the wounding of some 20 others.

The council action came in a statement read out by its president, Ambassador Peter Florin of East Germany, at a brief public meeting, after four days of intensive back-stage bargaining.

The United States had tried to block any mention in the statement of Israel, which supports the Christian militia headed by Maj. Saad Haddad.

After other council members had indicated that final agreement had been reached, the meeting was delayed for more than three hours because the U.S. still objected that a reference in the statement to the mandate of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) included mention of its role in confirming the withdrawal of Israeli forces that invaded southern Lebanon in March 1978.

After further negotiations, the statement was amended to incorporate the full text of the March 1978 Council resolution setting up UNIFIL, rather than singling out the passage referring to Israel.

The statement also called on "all those who share in the responsibility for this tense situation to put an end to any act which might increase the threat to international peace and security and to an end to military assistance to any forces which interfere with UNIFIL in the exercise of its mandate."

Observers said this wording was sufficiently vague to cover both Israel, as the main support of the Lebanese Christian militia, as well as the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The Council statement included a "serious warning to all the forces responsible for these dangerous acts" which violated the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon, prevented the full deployment of UNIFIL including the deployment of Lebanese armed forces in the area, and severely hampered UNIFIL in fulfillment of its mandate.

After reciting the full text of the 1978 resolution setting up UNIFIL, the statement said it was essential that the "force receive the full cooperation of all parties. It also called for the immediate release of Lebanese military personnel and others kidnapped recently by the "so-called de facto forces."

The statement ended with an expression of sympathy to the government of Nigeria and the families of the victims. It commended the

"valiant action and the courage, under the most adverse circumstances" of the commanders and soldiers of the U.N. force, which also includes men from Fiji, Ghana, Ireland, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway and Senegal.

In Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Menachem Begin has ordered Israel's military to act "to reduce tension" in southern Lebanon between the U.N. troops and Israeli-backed Christian militias.

Begin, who also serves as Israel's defense minister, ordered Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan to instruct militia commander Maj. Saad Haddad to refrain from clashes with troops of the U.N. force.

According to an Israeli television report, Haddad told Eytan his men shelled U.N. positions near Kantara because Lebanese regular troops in the area tried to disarm militiamen in the town. The television's military correspondent quoted Eytan as telling Haddad that if necessary, he should prevent further clashes by keeping his men out of the area.

In Kuwait a prominent Palestinian commando leader was quoted here Thursday as urging Arab countries to employ their oil as a "political weapon" to force Israel to halt its attacks on Southern Lebanon.

"The world is aware of the political might of Arab oil as a leverage on the Western countries, the sole power capable of putting pressure on Israel in halt recurrent aggression on Southern Lebanon," the weekly newspaper *Al-Hadaf* quoted Salah Khalaf as saying in an interview.

Khalaf, who goes by his code name Abu Iyad, is second to Yasser Arafat in the main-line organization Fatah. "I mean what I say," Khalaf told the paper.

## PLO-Vatican discussions anger Israel

TEL AVIV, March 20 (AP) — The Foreign Ministry Friday expressed Israel's "astonishment" that a senior Vatican official had met with a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). A spokesman said PLO representative Farouk Kaddumi's meeting Wednesday with Vatican secretary of State Cardinal Agostino Casaroli was damaging to Mideast peace efforts.

Earlier, Thursday in Rome, Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, speaking to Kaddumi, said Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization should recognize each other as a first step toward ending their long conflict.

Avoiding any direct reference to Colombo's proposal, Kaddumi called on the European Economic Community (EEC) to recognize the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestine people and the need to create a Palestinian state. Next week leaders of the EEC will review results achieved so far of an EC peace mission in the area at a summit meeting in Maastricht.

It was Kaddumi's fifth meeting with an allied foreign minister in as many years. But despite these political contacts Italy has so far refused to grant full diplomatic recognition to the PLO. Kaddumi, here for a three-day sit, Thursday night discussed the Middle East conflict with Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli.

## In Somalia Floods hit one million; epidemic, riots break out

MOGADISHU, March 20 (R) — Refugee camps housing more than one million people in Somalia have been hit by flooding, food riots and a measles epidemic, aid workers said Friday. Officials in the Somali capital said an outbreak of measles in the Huddor refugee camp in the southwest of the country had killed 200 persons in the past three weeks. Most of the victims were children, and the death rate was still running at five or six a day, they said.

In west central Somalia, officials at the

Booco camp told reporters the situation was "explosive" after camp inhabitants rioted because of food shortages. Military police and troops had restored order, they said.

Long-awaited rains in the north of the country near Hargeisa have caused widespread flooding and made the distribution of food impossible.

"When I left Hargeisa last week, they were dancing in the rain; they were so happy."

## Djibouti seeks Islamic aid

JEDDAH, March 20 — Djibouti has appealed to Saudi Arabia and the 42-member Organization of Islamic Conference for emergency assistance to provide relief from floods that have killed four persons and left 100,000 homeless.

Djibouti's ambassador to the Kingdom, Ad. an Sheikh Hassan told Arab News that a week of continuous rains also have forced the closure of Djibouti's airport. He added that water has reached the 200-millimeter level and the rains still are falling. A loss of power has resulted in communications failure, Hassan said. He reported that the northern pro-

vince capital, Obokti, is feared to be completely under water. Djibouti also has appealed to other governments and international organizations for help.

The flood's devastation is more marked as a result of the past three years of drought which decimated the country's livestock population, the ambassador reported. In addition, half the country's population of 450,000 are living in government-run camps, he added.

Meanwhile, roads were impassable, Friday, all economic activity was at a standstill and the situation in outlying regions was believed to be serious, officials in Djibouti said.

## Ministry advises Saudia passengers

RIVADH, March 20 (SPA) — Passengers flying Saudia on other's tickets will be fined SR5,000 a week in prison or both, according to a statement by the Interior Ministry.

The ministry said all passengers must use the tickets endorsed to them personally so the national carrier and the authorities may know who is traveling and avoid any possibility of confusion.

The ministry already has authorized Saudia's Security Department to make spot checks to ensure that each passenger is traveling on the ticket issued in his or her name by

comparing the names on the tickets with those on the passports or other identity documents. This means all passengers, citizens and residents should carry identification papers at all times since the spot checks will continue, the ministry said.

When a Saudia Tristar caught fire in Riyadh last year, killing all passengers, the authorities discovered that many of the passengers were using tickets belonging to other people. As a result authorities found considerable delays in identifying the victims and informing their next of kin.

## British inflation in February drops

LONDON, March 20 (AP) — Britain's annual inflation rate dropped to 12.5 per cent in February, from 13 per cent in January, the government announced Friday.

The decline took the retail price index to its lowest mark since June 1979, a month after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher took office with her "monetarist" policies aimed at curbing inflation. Instead, by putting up sales

tax and interest rates, inflation soared to a peak of 21.8 per cent at the end of her first year in office. It has tumbled sharply in recent months as Britain struggles through its worst recession in half a century with one person in 10 out of a job.

The February drop was the ninth monthly decrease in a row and brings Britain's inflation rate into line with many rival industrialized countries. Inflation stands at 11.5 per cent in the United States, 13 per cent in France and Canada, 5.5 per cent in West Germany and 7.5 per cent in Japan. Italy is worse off among major European countries with 21.5 per cent.

## Kingdom disappointed, Haig admits

Washington Bureau  
By Susan Gray

WASHINGTON, March 20 — "The overall demeanor of the United States' relationship with Saudi Arabia is not very good," Secretary of State Alexander Haig told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Thursday.

Haig — in his second day of testimony on Capitol Hill to press for approval of the Reagan Administration's \$6,900 million security assistance program for other countries around the globe — would not go so far as to say that the American — Saudi relationship is in a "crisis stage". But the secretary emphasized that the relationship needs improving.

As one measure of improvement, Haig strongly defended the proposed sale of fuel tanks and more sophisticated missiles to the Kingdom for the 62 F-15 fighters they have on order from the United States.

Describing Saudi Arabia as a "trusted ally and friend," Haig admitted under questioning from the senators that the United States has disappointed the Saudis in a number of ways.

Explaining his assessment to Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), Haig said that in the past the U.S. has held "substantive but inconsistent" discussions with the Saudis on meeting their security needs.

Haig also denied that any behind the scenes agreements have been worked out with the Saudis which would guarantee U.S. access to the future Saudi F-15 fleet in the event of a Soviet threat in the region.

When pressed by Sen. Rudy Boshwitz (R-Minn) about whether the sale of the enhanced equipment for the F-15s would make the Saudis more "forthcoming" toward the Camp David peace process, Haig said relationships between friends is not "best maintained by bargaining."

Haig also told Boshwitz, who heads the Middle East Subcommittee in the Senate, that unless the United States "changes its mix (in the region) and deals with the Kingdom insecurities that the answer on Camp David would likely continue to be no."

"It is a vitally important objective, Haig told the committee, that the U.S. deal with the Saudi concern in a "constructive way."

Almost 70 per cent of the funds Haig has been asking Congress to approve will go to the Middle East, where Israel and Egypt would get the largest share.

## Israelis blast house

BEIRUT, March 20 (AFP) — An Israeli patrol blew up a house during a raid on the Southern Lebanese village of Barashit Friday reports from the region said. There were no casualties, the reports added. Barashit is in the central sector of Southern Lebanon under the control of United Nations forces

## Soviet oil need development

MOSCOW, March 20 (AFP) — The USSR has proposed a long-term energy deal with the West, under which Western nations would join directly in extracting Soviet hydrocarbons in return for guaranteed supplies "until the end of this century and even beyond".

Pravda said this week that the USSR, was having difficulty exploiting its own deposits. "Gas, oil and other raw materials are concentrated in the north east of the Soviet Union, which implies enormous investment," it noted.

Pravda went on: "The USSR can of course develop these resources with help from the socialist community, but it seeks 'more effective utilization of world capabilities'."

Bringing in Western technology and capital would save time, trim costs and mean better and fuller use of existing resources, it said. "In exchange for capitalist investment, the

## Morocco denies Israeli claims

RABAT, March 20 (AP) — The Moroccan government categorically denied Friday that King Hassan II met with Israeli Labor party leader Shimon Peres. Information Minister Abdul Wahed Belakiz said the reports of a meeting Thursday in Marrakech were "a pure and simple fable" and were part of a "poisonous campaign started by Zionist elements and exploited by Morocco's enemies to create division in Arab and Muslim ranks."

Peres returned to Israel Thursday night but refused to comment on reports he had met Hassan and King Hussein of Jordan a week earlier.

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# Chamber of commerce to open exhibit halls

JEDDAH, March 20 — Local manufacturers will receive a boost in giving exposure to their products when the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry completes new showrooms.

According to a *Saudi Business* magazine report, the chamber has planned to set up three exhibition halls here as permanent showplaces for locally-manufactured goods. The decision was prompted by the wide interest generated by visitors to the exhibition the chamber hosted during Industrial Week celebrations throughout the Kingdom in February, the report added.

At the chamber's show there were about 100 "see and buy" stalls. Consumer goods priced at 20 to 50 per cent below market levels were cleared off the shelves as soon as they were stocked.

The man behind the chamber's maiden effort is Farid J. Hijazi, manager of international fairs, who explained how the idea cropped up. "We already have a hall in the middle of the city and it is easy to visit. As time was short we couldn't find another place and so we tried to give space to as many industries as possible in the basement."

The decision to utilize its own basement as an exhibition hall during the industrial festival was made after Minister of Industry Dr. Ghazi Al Gosaibi had talks with Prince Fahd who ordered the Jeddah chamber to take an active interest in the week-long celebrations.

Hijazi, who has garnered useful experience as a diplomat in the Saudi embassy at Stockholm and as an official with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, came up with the idea of hosting an exhibition. Having swung into action soon after he joined the chamber three months ago, Hijazi drew the plan for the exhibitors and set up the stalls working jointly with an interior decorator.

The chamber is scouting land sites for its new exhibition halls in the Medina Road and Mecca Road, areas as well as in the industrial zone. "We can rent the places to Saudi companies on a weekly or monthly basis and they can attract a host of customers by selling products at a discount," Hijazi explained, a wide grin on his face. But he clarified that, saying the companies must have agents in Jeddah to enable them to sell goods, as government rules stipulate.



AWARD: Abdul Rawof Abu Zinadah, (right) of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce presenting a gold memento of the Industrial Week logo to Sheikh Ismail Abudawood president of the chamber for his efforts during the festival. The party was hosted by members of the chamber to round off the successful completion of the exhibition housed for the first time in the Chamber's basement at Mina Road.

# Soviets lose berth in Gulf trade show

SHARJAH, March 20 — Insufficient time to process the necessary requirements for participation in a major United Arab Emirates trade event has stalled the Soviet Union's decision to be a trade and cultural exhibitor at the fourth annual international spring fair, a Sharjah expo center press statement said Friday.

It was the first time the Soviet Union had indicated interest in featuring in any commercial event in the UAE. The Moscow chamber of commerce exhibition department requested the Sharjah Expo Center to provide 500 square meters of indoor exhibition space for the spring fair. The fair is to be held from April 9 to 17 this year.

The Soviet request was made by the chief

of the exhibition department, Mr. Sheshin, who intimated that a Soviet trade presence at the spring fair would be a forerunner to continued peaceful relations. Expo center in turn, referred the request to the ministry of foreign affairs, the statement added.

But the time factor proved insurmountable. The Moscow chamber had requested that two officials, S. Viatchslav and Jelezov Victor be granted one-month visit visas to attend the fair and also spend some time in acquainting themselves with the Arabian Gulf Market. This required ministerial submission to higher authority, thus precluding any possibility of according the Soviets the time necessary for finalizing participation arrangements, the expo center reported.

However, the Moscow chamber is re-applying, well in time for participation in the center's expo '81. Expo '81 is set for Nov 26 to Dec. 6, 1981.

The Soviets have indicated that as part of their Expo '81 presence they would be happy to present, as part of their cultural display special section of the world-famous Bolshoi Theater Ballet.

The Soviet Union and the UAE have diplomatic ties, but this has not been a deterrent to trade. At present, an UAE agency operates for the import and marketing of Russian Lada cars. Other Eastern Bloc countries like Yugoslavia, Romania, Hungary and Poland, have held successful trade exhibitions in the country.

## New bank branches

RIYADH, March 20 (SPA) — Ninety seven new bank branches will be built in the country in the near future, according to official sources of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency.

The agency sought and received permission from the Ministry of Finance and National Economy to permit the construction of the branches because some towns and outlying areas do not have banking facilities.

The number will include 48 for the Riyadh bank, the second largest entirely Saudi Arabian bank; 22 for the National Commercial Bank; 11 for the Saudi British Bank, eight for the Saudi French Bank, three for the Saudi Cairo Bank, two for the Saudi American Bank, and one for Al Saudi Al Hollandi Bank. The sources said the expansion aimed at spreading banking services in the Kingdom and encouraging the economic development of the smaller towns by providing such essential facilities.

## TV official visits

RIYADH, March 20 (SPA) — The Director General of the Organization of Broadcasting and Television in the Yemen Arab Republic, Ali Aljomrah, arrived here on an official visit for talks with the Saudi Arabian authorities on ways of coordinating media services between the two countries.

## ISD rates to be reduced

RIYADH, March 20 — Saudi Telephone has announced that subscribers who place their own distance calls to North America through International Subscriber Dialing will pay a lower rate per minute than subscribers placing their calls through an operator.

The 25 per cent reduction in tariff rates on ISD calls to Canada and the United States is designed to be of benefit to families with children studying overseas, to students who can more easily afford the lower rates and to citizens with relatives living in North

America, a Saudi Telephone press statement said Friday.

The phone company added that subscribers should note that there is a three-minute minimum charge on operator-placed calls, while the minimum on ISD calls is only one minute. In addition, a surcharge is placed on person-to-person calls. As of April 1, ISD will be provided automatically to all phone subscribers, unless they request not to be connected, the phone company said.

## COMMENT

By Awadh Halwani  
Al Nadwa

Patients in large numbers throng to the public and private hospitals and even to private clinics. A mere look at their faces tells you they suffer from a psychological strain resulting from their dissatisfaction with the first doctor they have consulted. Among many considerations, it may be that the doctor does not diagnose the ailment, but merely casts an easy glance on the patient and writes the prescription. It may also be that he attends to a large number of patients, which exhausts his energy. Therefore, everyone seems to be in a hurry which results in the patient's dissatisfaction.

The principle of health does not approve of such a condition at the hospital. Countless visitors at the out-patients

department at hospitals makes the doctor dispense with their cases quickly, with the result that the number of patients continues to grow with most of them suffering from psychological stress on their mind. I feel that if, in the very first visit, the patient received careful attention, his condition would be different. It will, therefore, be most appropriate if the medical staff is increased, to be able to cope with the large number of patients visiting the hospitals daily.

More significant than this would be to expedite the construction of the hospital which the Ministry of Health has approved for Mecca. The ministry's decision to build a 500-bed hospital in Mecca had given some satisfaction to its inhabitants, who hope to see a better level of medical service rendered to them at the new hospital.

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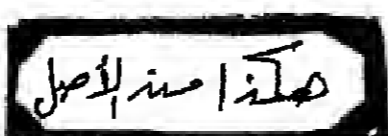
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# Workshops to be moved

**By a Staff Writer**

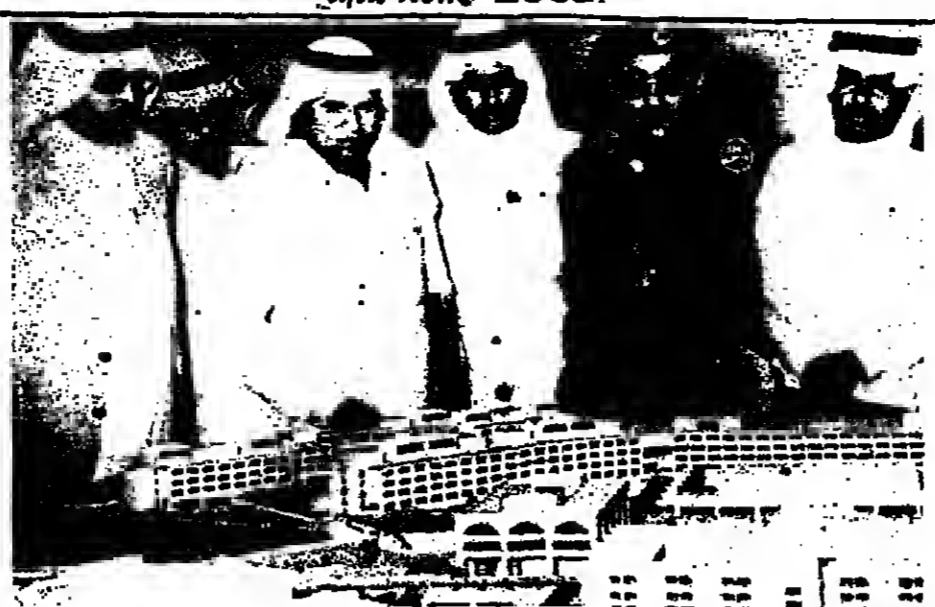
JEDDAH, March 20 — Nearly 800 warehouses and workshops will be moved out of the city in the near future in order to minimize the risk of fire and other disturbances in the city which has grown several times in the last ten years, according to municipal sources.

The move was ordered by the government after a series of fires gutted warehouses and workshops in congested areas. Some warehouses located in the ground floors of apartment blocks will be the first to go, the officials said. They will be relocated outside the city limits.

The order involves 500 workshops of various kinds and 290 warehouses which have been flouting civil defense precautions and continues to endanger life in the city.

The massive exodus from the city will be carried out in three phases. The first group will include warehouses and workshops in buildings, then those located between buildings and the third will affect all others.

A spate of fires in the city has been attributed by civil defense authorities to badly built and unorganized warehouses, workshops, car repair shops, lathe operators, welders and others, which contribute to the hazards, the authorities said.



**MILITARY:** Saudi Arabian reporters toured military installations in Hafr Al Bataan were shown models of new projects there. The tour, sponsored by the armed forces, was proposed by Defense Minister Prince Sultan to acquaint the press and readers with the military projects and related infrastructure that are being carried out throughout the Kingdom.

# Kingdom, Japan ties reaffirmed

TOKYO, March 20 (R) — Saudi Arabia hopes to increase Japanese participation in its industrialization beyond just trade, Saudi Arabian Commerce Minister Sulaiman A. Solaim said here Friday.

Dr. Solaim, on the last day of his five visit to Japan, told reporters that he had received a "good" response from Japanese government and business leaders to his proposals.

He said the theme of this visit was to encourage "the participation of Japanese industry in our own industrial development... and not to keep the emphasis of our relationship on exports and imports."

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**JEDDAH, March 20** — King Khaled donated \$1 million as contribution to build schools for Australian Muslims. Dr. Muhammad Ali Wafiq, chairman of Australian Islamic Federations, thanked King Khaled and expressed gratitude on behalf of Australian Muslims. The Australians also expressed their admiration for the Kingdom's assistance, support and efforts in helping Muslims all over the world.

**Amlaj projects**  
**JEDDAH, March 20** — Amlaj Municipality is carrying out SR200 million of projects, according to Mayor Abdullah Al-Suhaie. The projects include a new building and storehouses for the municipality, several graveyards, abutments for the dead and a water network for the southern part of the town, Okaz reported.

**Cleanliness demonstration offered**  
**JEDDAH, March 20 (SPA)** — Students from 15 schools here staged a demonstration Wednesday of the activities they will undertake during the Cleanliness Week opening Saturday. A number of companies operating here will contribute equipment during the campaign. The ceremony was attended by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi; Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Zaid, director of education for the Western Province; and Dr. Hassan Hajrah, the deputy mayor of Jeddah.

**Airplanes acquired**  
**SANAA, March 20 (SPA)** — Yemeni Airlines has acquired four new Boeing 727s, a Boeing 373 and two turboprops for its domestic lines. It was announced Wednesday at the close of a four-day company conference here Saudi Arabia holds 49 per cent of the company's shares.

**Track meet held**  
**DAMMAM, March 20 (SPA)** — A track and field championship organized by the Eastern Province branch of the Youth Welfare Organization for first class and youth clubs was held here Thursday and Friday. Clubs taking part in the championship include Al-Hilal, Al-Arabi, Al-Ahli, Al-Itihad, Al-Qa'aa, Al-Jabalayn, Al-Ansar, Demak, Al-Khalij, 'Al-Ta'i, Al-Kawakeb, and Al-Najma.

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**If superpower attacks**

**Sudan to open bases to friendly nations**

KHARTOUM, March 20 (Agencies) — Sudan is against any foreign military presence on its soil but it would be prepared to let friends use Sudanese military facilities if it were attacked by a super-power, President Jaafar Numeiri has said.

The president said he had asked the United States for financial assistance in building airfields and naval bases for the Sudanese armed forces. These installations would normally be for the exclusive use of Sudan, he said. "But if Sudan is attacked by a superpower, then naturally, our friends can make use of any available Sudanese facilities," he added.

The president's offer follows Sudanese allegations that the Soviet Union was trying to infiltrate Africa through Libya and Chad. Sudanese Foreign Minister Muhammad Mirghani El-Mubarak said Wednesday Libya was making unspecified military preparations on the Sudan-Chad border.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has agreed this week to give Sudan \$100 million in military aid but no details of how the money will be spent have been released. Numeiri said he would pursue efforts to make the Red Sea a neutral zone outside super-power spheres of influence. Both the United States and the Soviet Union use naval facilities on the sea, the U.S. in Somalia and the Soviet Union in Ethiopia.

Meanwhile, a leading Kuwaiti paper *Al-Rai Al-Aam* has assailed the Sudanese

government for offering military bases to the United States.

The paper said editorially that Numeiri has been seeking ways to join the Egyptian-Israeli peace drive, sponsored by the United States.

It deplored his recent decision to expel the Khartoum representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization. It dismissed as "baseless" the recent accusations by Khartoum that Syria had masterminded an abortive coup to topple Numeiri.

In another development Egypt and Sudan, to cement bilateral ties, have decided to resume full diplomatic relations, the semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* reported in Cairo Friday.

The paper said the two countries would announce the move in a joint communique to be issued simultaneously in Cairo and Khartoum Saturday. Sudan recalled its ambassador from Cairo in November 1979 to protest against the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty but did not close its embassy. Egypt recalled its ambassador from Khartoum.

*Al-Ahram* said that Ahmad Ezzat-Latif, director of the Palestine department at the foreign ministry, was tipped as the Egyptian ambassador at Khartoum and Abdul-Rahman Salman Nasr, a politician, would be his Sudanese counterpart in Cairo. The move coincides with Sudanese fears following Libyan intervention in neighboring Chad.

**Gale lashes S. Istanbul**

ISTANBUL, March 20 (AP) — Winds gusting up to 100 kms per hour ripped off rooftops in several houses and sent a Lebanese-flag freighter aground in Canakkale, south of Istanbul Thursday, officials reported. The storm also knocked down power posts in the area.

Shipping through the Dardanelles Straits, southeast of Istanbul, was seriously affected and authorities appealed to small ships to seek refuge in the nearest quays, authorities said.

The 389-ton 'Alvard' a Lebanese-registered freighter carrying goods to Lebanon from Romania, was grounded after it was caught in the strong winds, port authorities said.

The winds ripped off tops of two minarets in a southern Turkish town. They knocked down pylons and cut the power supply to many parts of Konya in central Turkey, authorities said. In Istanbul, ferry services between the Asian and European sides of the Bosphorus were halted after the winds swept the area.

Scheduled domestic flights from Istanbul and Izmir were cancelled. International arrivals were not affected. Weather office officials said the storms were triggered by a sudden warming-up over the coastal area of Asia minor.

**U.S. admits Sinai force talks with Egypt, Israel**

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig has confirmed that the United States is involved in talks with Israel and Egypt which could lead to the stationing of U.S. troops in the Sinai as part of a peacekeeping force.

Haig's comments in testimony before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee Thursday followed reports that more than 1,000 American soldiers may be dispatched to form the bulk of a force to maintain a buffer between the Israeli and Egyptian armies.

"We are now in the process of negotiating or conducting discussions with the parties — with Israel and with Egypt — with respect to what kind of a peacekeeping force would be applied," Haig said under questioning by the house panel.

He told the committee that "if we hope to

see (the Camp David) peace process continue, as we do...it may indeed require some American participation in that peacekeeping force."

Haig added: "I would doubt seriously that Israel would ever withdraw from the Sinai without a peacekeeping force with which they can take some security and comfort."

Meanwhile, the Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali wound up a three-day official visit to Norway Thursday and flew on to Denmark without any firm Norwegian commitment to contribute armed volunteers for an international force to patrol the Sinai border.

However, his Norwegian host and colleague, Knut Frydenlund, promised to study the Egyptian proposal closer, according to foreign ministry press spokesman Geir Grung.

**Zia: Pakiastan closed to ex-prisoners**

PESHAWAR, March 20 (R) — President Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq has said the 54 political activists released from prison by his government last week for the freedom of more than 100 hostages aboard a hijacked Pakistani airliner would not be allowed to return to Pakistan.

He told a news conference Thursday that the hijack drama was "closely linked" with the activities of the outlawed Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Earlier, Zia led the official welcoming party for 95 freed Muslim hostages of the hijacked plane on their arrival home after two days of thanksgiving in Mecca.

The 54 released prisoners and the hijackers have been allowed temporary stay in Syria.

**BRIEFS**

ABU DHABI, (AFP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will make a two-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates May 10 during a tour of the Gulf region, the Emirates News Agency reported. Indian ocean security, the Middle East and bilateral relations will be covered in the talks between Mrs. Gandhi and the Emirates' leadership, the agency added.

LONDON, (AFP) — After a six-year battle with the Home Office (interior ministry) a British-born Pakistani woman was Thursday given the go-ahead to bring her three children into Britain. Mrs. Anwar Ditta has been trying since 1973 to bring her children into the country, but the home office has until now refused to believe that she is their mother.

The change of heart was disclosed in a letter from Timothy Raison, minister of state at the Home Office, to opposition Labor MP, Joel Barnett, Heywood and Royton) who has taken up the woman's case.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — A total of 678 prisoners are being amnestied to mark the Iranian new year and the second anniversary of the Islamic Republic, Radio Tehran said Thursday. Most will be freed before the New Year celebrations begin Saturday and the remainder within a few days afterwards, the radio added.

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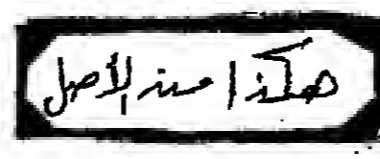
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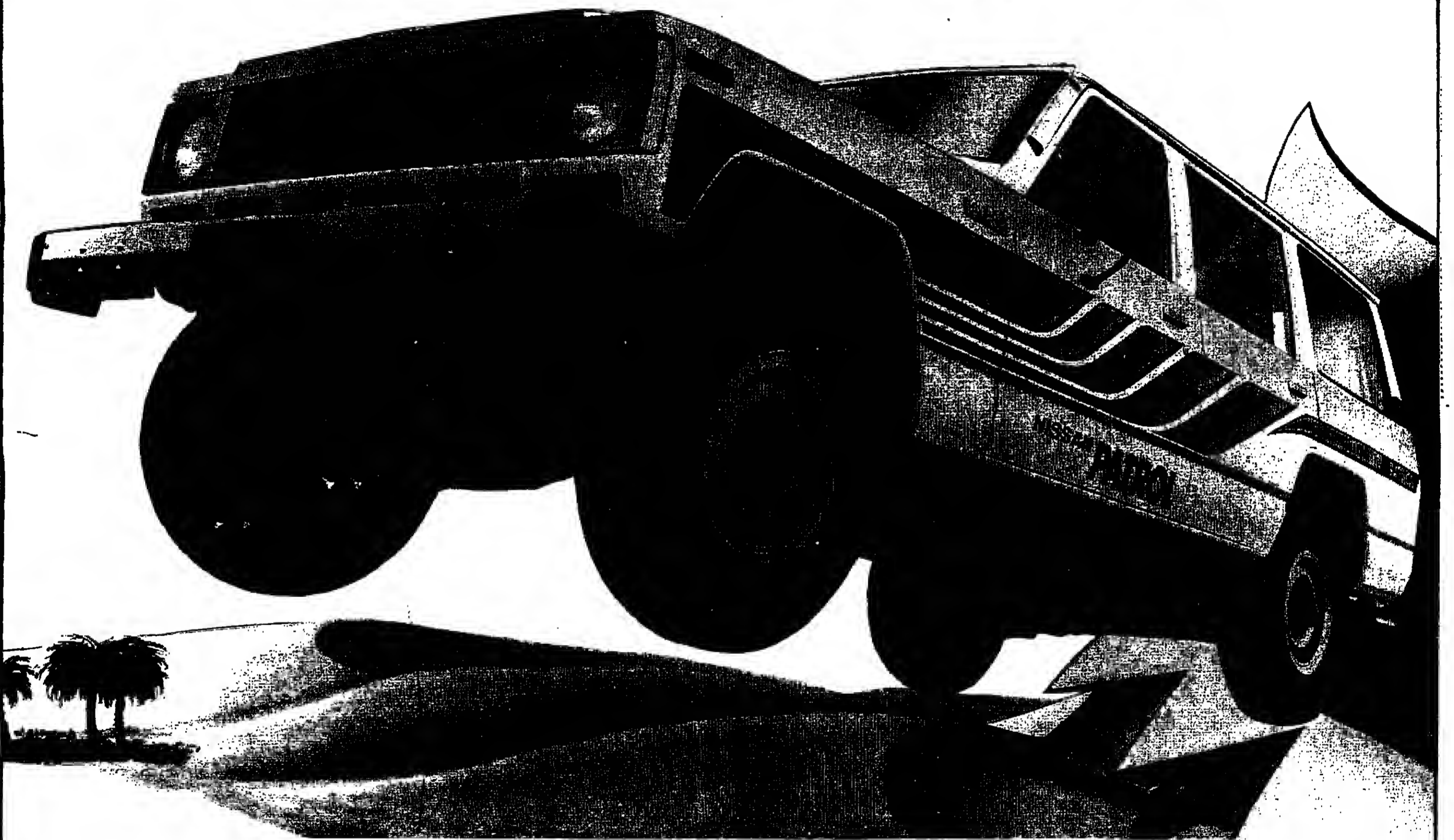
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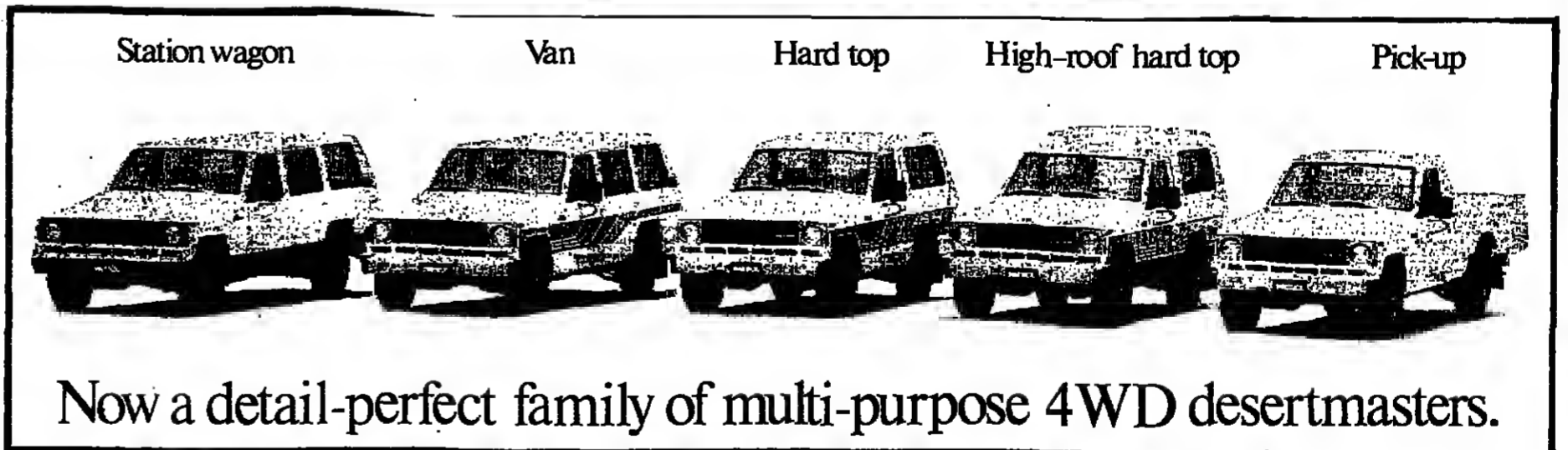


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# U.S. may relent on Japanese plea on N-fuel

By William Chapman

TOKYO - In an early test of the Reagan administration nuclear non-proliferation policy, Japan is preparing to seek removal of the major restrictions on its nuclear fuel reprocessing plant. Officials say they will probably ask the major administration to lift limits on the amount of fuel that can be reprocessed in an experimental plant and to do away with time limits that had been imposed in the past at the insistence of the Carter administration.

They say they do not know how the United States will react to the proposals. But Japanese press reports indicate that some expect the Reagan administration to take a less rigid posture than the Carter administration. If agreement is not reached by this summer, Japan's experimental plant at Tokai-Mura theoretically could be shut down. It began full-scale operations in January for the first time and is legally able to operate only until June under a new interim agreement with the United States.

The issue was one of the most controversial ones between Japan and the United States throughout the Carter years. Initially, Carter had strongly opposed the Tokai-Mura operation because it had the potential for producing plutonium, the stuff of which nuclear explosives are made.

Japan insisted that the pilot plant was essential for its long-range plan of nuclear energy development. In September 1977, the two countries reached agreement on a two-year operating plan that has since been extended until June 1 of this year. Foreign ministry officials said they expect to open "informal contacts" on the issue soon with the Reagan administration but do not expect formal negotiations until this spring because it is not yet clear who will be the responsible officials in Washington.

Atsuhiko Yatabe, director-general for scientific and technological affairs at the foreign ministry said no specific plan for the negotiations has been prepared. But he noted that the present ceiling or spent nuclear fuel reprocessing will be reached by late spring. "In view of this, there is a general feeling in Japan that the time has come to talk with the Americans on the reprocessing issue and to reach a basic agreement" on what can be undertaken after June 1.

Specifically, he said, this would mean asking for an open-ended agreement that would end the practice of setting fixed periods of time for Tokai-Mura's plant to operate. It would also mean removing ceilings completely on the amount of fuel that can be reprocessed there. From its beginning in September 1977 until the end of 1980, 79 tons of spent fuel had been reprocessed there. In theory, the plant could process about 140 tons a year, giving time off for cleaning and repairs. There are reports that Japan would want to reprocess about 100 tons a year.

Yatabe said there have been no clear indications from Reagan administration officials on what attitude they will adopt toward rules for nuclear proliferation. But he noted that "it seems much more positive than the previous one on the question of nuclear power in general." Although the Tokai-Mura pilot plant is small in output, the question of U.S.-imposed restrictions has great importance for future Japanese nuclear development. The government last year opened the door for private commercial reprocessing and one company, Japan Atomic Fuel Service, is planning to open a full-scale operation about 1990 to process about 1,200 tons a year.

The enriched uranium used in Japan's nuclear power plants is purchased from the United States, which reserves the right to set restrictions on any reprocessing of the spent fuel. In an agreement signed last month, the United States permitted Japan to process 50 additional tons before the June 1 deadline and the Tokai-Mura plant theoretically could be shut down after that. It will be closed anyway after that date for about three months for cleaning and repair, so the actual deadline will be about Sept. 1. Officials indicated that if no overall agreement to continue operations is reached by that time, a new interim agreement might be negotiated.

Japan, the only target of atomic bombings since the dawn of the nuclear age, disclaims any intention of building nuclear weapons, although some experts have reported it has or will soon have the technology for making them. The government has said repeatedly that it is only interested in industrial uses for nuclear fuel and that Japan must have more nuclear energy to make it less dependent on imported oil and gas. (WP)

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# Power struggle looms in Cyprus

By Juliet Pearce

NICOSIA - A struggle for power is looming on the Greek side of the Cyprus demarcation line where President Spyros Kyprianou is losing popular and parliamentary support. The showdown will be played out in the general elections likely to take place in May. It comes against a background of continuing stalemate in the intercommunal negotiations held in the sandbagged Palace Hotel between the gun emplacements of the two feuding communities.

The negotiators for the two sides and special United Nations envoy Hugo Gorbis have unofficially admitted that progress has been virtually nil during the past six months of talks. The dialogue is simply being kept up to avoid a dramatic rupture. The situation appears to be playing into the hands of Glafkos Clerides, a World War II Royal Air Force gunner who heads the pro-Western Democratic Rally Party. Clerides claims his party will win 40 per cent of the popular vote in the elections and, because of the change of the voting system, could emerge as a major force in the Greek-Cypriot Parliament.

Clerides' strength is not so much in his pro-Western orientation as in his charisma as the man who led Cyprus in the difficult months following the Greek coup and the 1974 clash with Turkey. Also, he is said to be the only Greek-Cypriot politician capable of striking a deal with the Turkish minority.

Pointing to the nearby barricades in the heart of Nicosia, he said: "Time is not on the side of either community. A new generation is growing up without contact, trained to fight the other side. The only view of each other is through gun sights. Therefore, we must struggle to establish a different contact."

After a number of defections, Kyprianou's Democratic Party controls merely nine seats in the 35-member Greek-Cypriot House of Representatives. So does the Communist Akei Party which last spring withdrew support from the president. However, faced with an increasing challenge by Clerides, a new Kyprianou-Akei alliance is not excluded.

During the last election in 1976, despite 29 per cent of the popular vote, Clerides was unable to obtain a single seat in the House of Representatives because of the 'majority representation system'. Eventually, a defector from Kyprianou's party gave the rally its first vote. Proportional representation has now been introduced and Clerides sees a big chance. "Yes, I could work with Clerides," said Rauf Denktaş, leader of the Turkish-Cypriot community in what is unofficially called the 'Turkish Federated State of Kibris (Cyprus)'.

Favoring Clerides is a combination of economic and political factors. Kyprianou's leadership appears to have run out of steam and the Cyprus 'economic miracle' is being increasingly affected by the Western European recession. This is being

reflected in a wave of strikes, inflation — and packed rallies addressed by Clerides.

Clerides headed the government when the late Archbishop President Makarios was in self-imposed exile in London between July and December 1974. He negotiated a number of agreements with the Turks but says his hands were tied by directives issued by Makarios.

His solution to the Cyprus problem calls for intense negotiations on tangible issues which could show the degree of 'give' on each side. Clerides would also like to see the establishment of an English-language university for both ethnic groups, increasing contact between professional and trade union organizations and all possible efforts toward freedom of movement across the barricades.

"If that happens," he said, "the issue of 'safe frontiers' would not be that important to the Turks." The Turkish community is now protected by some 26,000 Turkish troops, the presence of which is regarded as a mixed blessing by many of the 110,000 Turkish-Cypriots and as a threat by the island's half-a-million ethnic Greeks.

The intercommunal dialogue has centered on possible Turkish territorial concessions (they now hold 36 per cent of Cypriot territory), on the nature of the future constitution, the form of the federal system and the resettlement of the modern quarter of the port city of Famagusta. Neither side has made concessions — except to agree to conduct the talks in 'a friendly and businesslike atmosphere.'

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# RUSSIA AND FRENCH POLL

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* jumped over many an ideological hurdle the other day as it gave out its *Kopek* worth over the coming French presidential elections. Its favorite is none other than the thoroughly bourgeois incumbent. His main challenger, the Socialist Mitterrand, earned a scathing attack on grounds of his NATO sympathies. As to the Communist candidate Marchais, he was not deemed worth even a mention.

The reason why Moscow wants to see President Giscard d'Estaing retain his office is not far to find: On his shoulders has fallen the mantle of Gen. de Gaulle, with his policy of national independence vis a vis both the superpowers, which was passed on intact to him by the late President Pompidou.

The reaction from the French Communists was not long in coming. Experts on how to read between *Pravda's* lines saw the implied edict against their man and started grumbling that Moscow was interfering in French affairs. The relations between the French Communists and Moscow have not been of the best of late, a situation which *Pravda's* intervention was not exactly calculated to improve.

The French Communists are wondering why they are being treated in this way by Moscow. They have been careful up to now. Marchais especially, to play down their differences with it, realizing the harm they can do to their credibility in the coming fray. The Italian Communists must be wondering what Moscow has in store for them, with their far more openly acrimonious relations with it.

# Saudi Arabian Press Review

Among the weekend newspapers, *Al Bilad* and *Al Yom* led with Bahrain's welcome of joint ventures among the Arab states of the Gulf, highlighting the laying of the foundation stone of a Gulf company for petrochemical industry by the Ruler of Bahrain. In a lead story, *Al Medina* quoted a British defense ministry spokesman as saying Britain is ready to supply Tornado aircraft to Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, *Okaz* gave lead coverage to a statement by the Moroccan ambassador to the Kingdom, in which he said that Morocco did not interfere in Mauritania when it had 10,000 soldiers there. It carried another statement by the Mauritanian ambassador, who warned against any intervention in the internal affairs of his country. On the other hand, *Al Riyadh*, reported in a lead story that a new statute would be framed to streamline relations between employers in the field of construction and contractors with a view to ensuring non-recurrence of disputes between the two sides.

In a front-page story, *Al Yom* quoted Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League as saying the Kingdom would give 10 million copies of the Holy Koran to Bangladesh. It was also reported that an agreement has been reached between the League and the Bangladesh government to set up four medical units in the camps of Biharis residing in Bangladesh. The laying of the foundation stone of the Gulf company for petrochemical industries by the Ruler of Bahrain was given prominent page one coverage by the newspapers, which also reported that the Israelis have refused to accept a U.N. request to stop their support for

secessionist Saad Haddad and to eliminate their presence in South Lebanon.

In a prominent page one story, *Al Jazirah* reported that the export of German arms to Saudi Arabia has become a major local issue in West Germany, and that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt might not be able to take a decision on it before his visit to the Kingdom. In another story, *Al Jazirah* quoted the British Defense Secretary as saying that Britain would not use the rapid deployment force unless the states of the region made a request to do so.

Newspaper editorials discussed reports on the formation of the rapid deployment forces, and reiterated that the Arab states of the Gulf are capable of protecting themselves and their peace and stability without the intervention of any foreign power. Some newspapers commented on laying of the foundation stone of the Gulf company for petrochemical industry in Bahrain, with the participation of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain. They reaffirmed that this project comes into existence within the framework of the provisions of the Gulf Cooperation Council. They described the council as a solid testimony of the consciousness of the Gulf officials and their concern for the interest and welfare of their peoples. Some papers highlighted the significance of building a powerful Arab military force capable of confronting the Zionist enemy and breaking its military might and supremacy in the region.

Discussing the rapid deployment forces, *Al Jazirah* noted that the states of the Gulf have said time and again that they would never allow any foreign power

to intervene in their internal affairs, as they believe in their capability of managing their affairs themselves. The paper expressed the hope that the major powers of the world would realize that reality, and respect their pledges of non-intervention in the region in any form whatsoever. It urged both friendly and unfriendly states to know for sure that the Arab states of the Gulf would never ask for military intervention in their region, as their newly-formed cooperation council would work to consolidate their unity, stability and solidarity.

Discussing the petrochemical industry company in Bahrain, *Al Bilad* said the project is part of some giant projects to be undertaken by the states of the Gulf within the spirit of Arab and Islamic unity and solidarity. It endorsed the Ruler of Bahrain's reaffirmation of the significance of such projects within the framework of the cooperation council, which is a solid step forward to achieve total integration among the Arab states of the Gulf.

*Al Yom* dwelled on reports about the formation of rapid deployment forces in the Gulf region to protect it from any foreign intervention. The paper noted that, if the advocates of the idea are really interested in the area's peace and stability, they ought to work to solve the problems which they have themselves created in the region. It called for the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and likewise the Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and an end to the bloody war now raging between Iran and Iraq. The paper strongly supported the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council.



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**SHEPHERD:** Khan, a 14-year-old Afghan shepherd, while coming home with his sheep kicked an object resembling a fallen leaf. The object turned out to be a Russian mine which exploded injuring him critically. Later, the boy's both legs were amputated in a hospital in Pakistan.



**MUJAHID:** Relatives surround an injured mujahid in a Peshawar hospital. Most of the time the hospital corridors are agog with information about the insurgency activities in Afghanistan.

## Booby traps to check Mujahideen Afghan civilians learn to live with Russian mines

By Shahid Orakzai  
Arab News Correspondent

**PESHAWAR** — Instead of tending his sheep in his village in Kunduz province, Khan, a 14-year-old Afghan shepherd, is being attended by nurses in a Peshawar hospital. "Damn that mine!" he screamed as a nurse thrust a hypodermic into his arm.

Till recently he was a charming and active youth. Today, he can't even stand on his feet. He will never be able to do that again. Just one step on a Russian land mine deprived him of both his legs.

He doesn't remember much, and it is painful to talk about the incident. All he recalls is that one evening while returning home with his cattle he tried to kick a small green object resembling a fallen leaf of a desert plant, thick and fleshy. Anybody would be tempted

to kick it, but with shepherds it's a favorite hobby; a hobby that cost him his legs in the present day war-torn Afghanistan where Soviet forces have sprayed millions of explosives and booby traps on hill tracks to check the movements of Mujahideen.

Like other civilian casualties he could not be taken to a hospital in Afghanistan. An injury inflicted by any Soviet weapon is considered a proof of one's collaboration with the partisans. So, the poor boy's family decided to migrate to Pakistan.

Several weeks after the accident, he was carried to a civil hospital in Dera Ismael Khan city, 210 miles from the provincial capital of Peshawar. Pale and unconscious, he had lost a lot of blood. The indigenous treatment given to him by the villagers had further complicated the case. He was suffering from serious arthritis, an inflammation of joints.

The doctor in the small hospital went for a

quick amputation of his legs, but due to inexperience the doctor bungled the operation. The results were not helpful for fixing the artificial limbs. Several bottles of blood were pumped into his body. When Khan's condition stabilized he was shifted to the Afghan Surgical Hospital in Peshawar where he underwent a reamputation, this time by an Egyptian surgeon, Dr. Muhammad Hassan. A specialist in plastic surgery and reimplantation of limbs, Dr. Hassan spent six months in this hospital for the Afghan refugees as a volunteer from the Islamic Medical Association of Egypt.

The story of Khan is not much different from the other 50 patients in this hospital, but it is a little more heart-rending. He has been lying in this hospital for about two months now, but seldom there has been a visitor by his bed-side. The visiting hours in the afternoon are extremely depressing for Khan. His family stays in a far off refugee camp in Dera Ismael Khan division and it is beyond their resources to visit the boy often. The hospital, at the same time, can't allow a family member to attend him 24 hours. "This would become a precedent for other patients and we can't afford to provide beds to their attendants", argues the hospital administrator Firdous Khan.

The hospital is managed by Jamaat-E-Islami, the only Pakistani political party which is actively involved in the rehabilitation of the Afghan refugees and Mujahideen. Medicines, food and clothing are given free and the standard here is better than the other government hospitals in Pakistan.

In addition to a couple of doctors who remain in the hospital throughout the 24 hours, a number of young Pakistani doctors regularly visit their patients, voluntarily. The Jamaat-E-Islami, the most disciplined of all political parties in Pakistan, has a solid following among intelligentsia. Firdous Khan and a number of doctors working in this hospital are members of the Jamaat.

Finances, however, pose a real problem for the managers of this small hospital. Medicine is not in much shortage, but still donations are welcome. Getting artificial bone joints for the victims of the Soviet aggression is a real big problem. An artificial knee or shoulder joint imported from Europe costs too much and a majority of patients have bone problems. Patients are usually brought in on stretchers and discharged with a pair of crutches. If more lucky, one may get an artificial limb.

Getting artificial limbs is no small a problem. The best limbs are made by the Fauji Foundation Medical Complex, a foundation of ex-military men near Rawalpindi. Since the

finances of the hospital did not allow to refer most of its patients to the complex, the hospital administration contacted a private firm in Sialkot, a city known for production of sports

What did you say? But, three years back there was no war", said the stunned doctor, and then the argument continued between the two.



**FROST BITE:** Freedom fighters of Afghanistan, waging a relentless war to oust the Russian forces from their country, are forced to cross the snow-clad mountains and valley in pursuit of their enemy. The result is that many of them suffer from frost bite. The photo shows a mujahid's frost-bitten feet.

and surgical goods. The firm, in collaboration with the Afghan Surgical Hospital, has now opened a workshop in Peshawar to supply the crippled Afghans with artificial limbs on more economic basis.

Inside the administrator's office I overheard an interesting telephonic conversation. It was between an Afghan doctor and an official of a commando group who wanted to refer one of the group members to the hospital for an artificial limb.

"When did this old man lose his limb?", inquired the doctor. "Three years back!"

The doctor insisted that he must prove that the old man had lost his leg in a combat or booby trap. But if the leg was lost in a non-military accident, the request for the artificial limb could not be entertained.

When the official of the commando group insisted, the doctor closed the case, saying "well, brother! we both are Muslims and it is Muslims' money, but it is for a certain cause that is well defined. We can't afford to waste this money. If the man had lost his leg in a combat, we would be pleased to give him wooden one. Otherwise, it is not possible within our present resources."



**REVENGEFUL:** The revengeful looks of this Afghan boy reflect the feelings of the invaded people. The boy, being taken in a wheel chair in a Peshawar hospital, fell victim to a Soviet rocket.



**SCHOOL:** An open school being conducted for the Afghan refugee children, near Peshawar. In the background is their camp where they live.

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in the late 19th century, specifically in 1882 during the fierce imperialist invasion of Africa, Ethiopia was the only African state which sat with the imperialist countries at the round tables and agreed to the division of the African continent — in Berlin, Paris, London, Rome, Brussels, The Hague and Lisbon — side by side with the colonialists.

What came to the lot of Ethiopia was that the colonialist countries helped and rewarded it by occupying the most important part of Somalia, known today as the western Somalia with Harar as its capital. They tried to make it an Ethiopian fortress and turned the Grand Mosque into a church.

As such, Ethiopia is a colonialist state and is like Britain, Italy and France which partitioned Somalia among themselves. These countries responded to the historical development and adapted themselves to the logic of the age and granted freedom and independence to the part they had colonized. The portions earlier occupied by Italy and Britain later became the Democratic Republic of Somalia, and the portion held by France became the Republic of Djibouti. Why does Ethiopia ignore that and refuses to admit that it is a colonialist state? It insists on being a black country, as if its color entitles it to occupy western Somalia, Abbu, Eritrea and Tigre.

Let me ask you from where does the isolation of Somalia come? The Democratic Republic of Somalia has good relations with all African states and is linked to Africans by strong bonds of struggle against colonialism, Zionism and racial discrimination. Somalia plays a big role in bringing nearer the views of Africans and closing their differences. It has earned a big credit in Arab-African solidarity during my presidency of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) — a matter that led to the severance of the ties of the African states with Israel.

Those who are under the delusion that Somalia is in isolation should know that this isolation is from the domain of Soviet influence which was prevalent in the region in recent years. Therefore, those who say that Somalia is in isolation are pessimists with narrow horizons, or dubious people with a tendentious attitude.

Q. Does Somalia's economic and military position enable it to engage in a war with Ethiopia, and why does Somalia insist on the restoration of territories from Ethiopia and Kenya?

A. Let me explain to you that our position with Kenya cannot be compared to our position with Ethiopia. Our rift with Kenya is different. It is not responsible for annexing the NFD territory; the responsibility lay on the British administration which colonized Kenya at that time and held a popular referendum in the north frontier district (NDF) in 1963 under the supervision of Canada, Nigeria and itself. When the referendum result showed that 87 per cent of the territory's residents want separation from colonized Kenya at that time and merger with the Republic of Somalia, Britain set upon its usual practice of creating problems for the peoples of Asia, Africa and elsewhere.

It insisted on NFD's merger with Kenya despite the referendum's result. Therefore, we do not hold Kenya responsible for that. However, this should not stop Kenya from settling the problem with the Somali people of NFD in a mutually agreeable manner.

In regard to Ethiopia, as I told you it should withdraw from the occupied territories as the white colonialists had withdrawn from Africa. We support every nationalist liberation movement in Africa — in Namibia, South Africa, Western Somalia, Abbu, Eritrea and Tigre — exactly as we had supported the struggle of Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Zimbabwe and Djibouti.

Q. The issue of the 1.5 million refugees is, in fact, an issue that ought to shake the world conscience, if any. With its limited economy,

Somalia is suffering from this crisis. How do you figure out international aid in this respect?

A. Somalia alone with its backward economy, famine and drought cannot provide relief to the refugees, despite all attempts and sacrifices we have made. We think the U.N. and its committees, religious associations and organizations in the West, the European Economic Community and the U.S. for urgent assistance they provided to us, which was, however, below the desired level. I also thank some of the fraternal states, most significantly Saudi Arabia and Iraq, but I regret to say that we did not receive any response at the level of the Arab peoples. They did not realize that the tragedy of refugees is beyond their imagination. They also did not take into consideration that the life of these refugees is an Arab, Islamic and human responsibility. I wish you could shake their conscience so they come forward to help these refugees as they helped the Afghan refugees. It is a similar tragedy, and the economy of the Somali government is unable to cope with.

Those who so believe do not know what we want. They are completely ignorant of our national aspirations. We are most keen on the unity of Arab ranks, since our strength lies in their unity. Somalia has never thought of being a cause in creating any confrontation between the two superpowers. On the contrary, we call for world peace and condemn the establishment of military bases, as they only contribute to heighten the tension. Our differences with the Soviets are based on our determination to preserve our national interest. Our diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union are, however, normal and have no link with the expulsion of the Soviet experts. As regards Egypt, you know we have denounced the Camp David accords.

Q. But you have gone against Arab unanimity and maintained your relations with Egypt.

A. We simply have our embassy in Cairo, as we have it in the Soviet Union, South Yemen and Libya — the countries with which we have fought.

We are against Arab rifts, and support and approve any resolution by the Arab League.

Q. Mr. President, your military accord with the U.S. has raised many questions?

A. The U.S. requested facilities from us, and we agreed to sign an agreement to serve the interests of both parties. Negotiations are still going.

Q. But, Mr. President, the \$42 million you have requested would not buy you even a rocket base?

A. We attach no significance to this sum. We have accepted the friendship and interests of the two parties.

Q. Does this mean that the cost of the agreement is more than \$42 million?

A. We have not sold our country, and would never do so not even for \$1 billion. What we have signed with the U.S. is friendship and mutual interests. The amount you have mentioned would not cover even the cost of a small military airport in Berbera.

Q. What do you expect from President Reagan's administration? A. So far, we welcome his firm foreign policy toward the Soviets, which he declared during his election campaigns. We expect him to prove that there are two superpowers in the world and not just Russia, as it used to be in the recent past.

We are happy with that, and are eager to develop the bonds of friends and mutual interests with the U.S.

Q. Some news reports, claimed that there is a possibility of Mogadishu becoming a center for coordinating the operations of the Rapid Deployment Forces in the Middle East. Have you decided anything on this?

A. This is totally untrue. The U.S. has not made any such request to Somalia.

Q. Following the expulsion of Russian



INTERVIEW: President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia during the interview with Muhammad al-Shibani in Mogadishu last week.

experts and the existing crisis between you and the Soviet Union, what is your view on the future resources of arms for the Somali army which still uses the Soviet weapons?

A. We are not an oil country and, frankly, we don't have funds to buy arms. Our prime concern is to ensure sustenance for the people. However, we wish the U.S. to supply arms to us, as our Russian arms have become obsolete.

Q. Have you approached People's China for arms?

A. We have good diplomatic relations with China, and nothing else. Generally speaking, it is a good country, contrary to the Soviet Union. It does not interfere in the internal affairs but, anyhow, it cannot be a replacement for Russia for us. At present, we pin greater hopes on the U.S. and western Europe.

Q. Mr. President, from your 18 years of experience with the Soviet Union, what advice can you give to other Arab leaders now moving in the Russian orbit?

A. I don't think they would accept any advice. Whatever I offer would be a waste of time. The Russians pursue a strategic course to dominate every country. In the beginning, they speak in a sweet, convincing language and make an entry on the pretext of helping the poorer peoples. But the fact is that they have their own vested interests. They don't have the intention of helping peoples; they want to impose their hegemony on all the institutions of the state and to dictate their policy to them. If the state tells them it is impossible, then they consider it their enemy. According to their norms, the state's sovereignty is only for them and by them.

Fortunately, we understood Russia at the right time and also discovered its real face at the right time. Anyhow, it is for them (the Arabs) to accept this advice or not, as they are free in their own affairs.

Q. Mr. President, is it true that you have discovered quantities of uranium in different areas of Somalia, and that Iraq has, in one way or the other, entered as a partner?

A. As a matter of fact, we have discovered a good quantity of uranium in Somalia, and several countries, including Iraq and other Gulf states, have expressed a desire to participate. We welcome any Arab state involvement.

Q. Would you explain the real cause of the sun bombs which recently exploded in Mogadishu. Are there fears of similar activities?

A. It is no secret to you that in every society, no matter whether it is in Europe, America or in the Third World, there are always some disturbing elements. But in Somalia, their influence is of little significance since they don't belong to powerful organizations. As such, they are not a source

of trouble for the regime. Some suspects have been arrested and an inquiry in progress.

Q. Like the drama of President Sadat's visit to Israel, if Ethiopian President Mengistu invites you to visit Addis Ababa, will you accept it?

A. As a matter of fact, I don't have objection to meeting in Addis Ababa, Mogadishu or any other suitable place for that purpose. We welcome any step that leads to a just and peaceful solution to the problem of the Horn of Africa on the basis of the right to self-determination. We are ready, if there are good intentions, to solve the problem in the African spirit, far from foreign influences and intrigues of the major powers which work only according to their strategic interests.

Q. Somalia has been used to a unique democratic experiment, is there an intention to introduce a real democratic experiment in the country?

A. If you mean something in shape, then perhaps there was something termed as democracy before 1969. But in fact, it was a political mockery, since there were more than 87 political parties, which represented tribal groups based on pagan slogans of killing one another. The result was that in each democratic election hundreds of people used to get

killed and injured. Actually, we were honest when we said that we would reorganize the prevailing chaos whose testimony was found in the assassination of the president by one of his guards.

Q. But does it prevent the evolution of a democratic experiment?

A. I ask whether it will be an act of democracy if we re-opened 87 tribal parties and groups, or shall we preserve our national unity, eliminate tribal sediments and replace them by brotherliness, justice, and equality, instead of rancor, dissension, rift and aversion among the people of one country and one religion under one party and one banner.

Q. President Numeiri has called for a summit meeting of East African states, which Ethiopia agreed to attend. What is your stance on this call?

A. We shall welcome this summit provided the elements of honesty and integrity prevailed. But we shall say 'no' if it is only a maneuver. Most important are honest intentions, sincerity and aloofness from foreign influences.

Q. South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad's also called for a summit meeting of the states of the region, with a view to prevent military bases and facilities to foreign countries. Would you also agree to attend this conference?

A. We would have no objection. But, it is important to form a neutral committee to investigate into the existence or non-existence of military bases in the region and to submit a report to the conference. However, we don't have any foreign bases, and we denounce the creation of bases in any place, most especially in the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. Last year's Islamabad Conference of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) had discussed a proposal by the Somali delegation to the liquidation bases in the region and the withdrawal of foreign bases. Some of the states, which now press for a conference to prevent foreign military bases and facilities, had shown reservations on this proposal. What happened now? You have gone to Berbera. Have you seen any military bases there? You must honestly report what you have seen there.

Q. Mr. President, you are accused of being highly skilled in the game of politics. You have played the Egyptian card (during the Camp David accords) the Saudi Arabian and Iraqi cards. You also played the Soviet cards the game of the Islamic card has now begun. What is your philosophy in these games?

Communists give arms, Nyerere says

TOKYO, March 20 (AP) — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere has said that African liberation movements turned to the Soviet Union and Cuba because "only communist countries provide us arms" and criticized the United States for confusing nationalism with a slide toward communism.

"The United States says we want to go communist, but it's not true. We only want to be free," the African leader told a news conference at the Japan National Press Club, Thursday.

Nyerere said independence struggles in Namibia and Angola "are impossible to win without taking up arms." He said, "I don't understand why the United States expects us to condemn Cubans who want to fight racist South Africa's attempts" to defeat nationalists in southern Africa.

The 59-year-old head of the east African socialist state said, however, that his government now has good relations with Washington because "the former administration (of President Jimmy Carter) understood our struggle." He said President Ronald Reagan's administration should show the same understanding. He said that in the 198 years since the United States gained independence "I don't believe Americans have forgotten the urge from the human heart to be free."

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Nyerere, who arrived in Japan Tuesday on an official six-day visit, said he does not want to see Africa become an arena for U.S.-Soviet confrontation.

Chun warns against trickery in S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea March 20 (AP) — The government party led by President Chun Doo-hwan has been accused of making too many promises in an effort to "dazzle" voters before next Wednesday's National Assembly elections.

In a statement, the Democratic Korea Party called for the government Democratic Justice Party to "immediately stop recklessly issuing election pledges." It said such promises had been issued on an average of two a day since the election date was announced officially March 10. The promises, the statement said Thursday range from plans for new highway construction to lower interest rates for agricultural loans.

The nationwide voting Wednesday is expected to give the Democratic Justice Party control of the assembly, but local level campaigning has stirred interests and activity in recent weeks. This was in contrast to the two electoral college voting procedures last month that resulted in an overwhelming victory and a new, seven-year term for Chun. He was inaugurated March 3.

Chun, meanwhile, warned that anyone elected to the assembly by illegal means would be subject to punishment even after formation of the new parliamentary body. Reports from the southern city of Kwangju said the president issued his warning at a meeting of representatives of government and private organizations.

"As the election campaign is heating up, it appears that candidates skilled in trickery are going ahead of their rivals, who are not like the former," he was quoted as saying. "If the government punishes violators of election laws at once, voters may cast ballots for them as a sign of their sympathy, calling the punishment suppression. Therefore, they will be dealt with according to the laws after the end of the general elections."

Published reports Thursday said a spokesman for the Korea National Citizens Party had charged that law enforcement authorities had called in and questioned a number of party campaign workers. He said this was done "without convincing reasons," and asserted that it would damage the promised

free atmosphere for the elections and the normal activity of political parties. No other details were available.

A total of 12 political parties, some of them tiny factions, have entered candidates for the assembly contests. There also are about 100 independents. Two assembly members will be chosen from each of 92 electoral districts, and another 92 assembly seats will be assigned under a proportional representation system.

Meanwhile, about 1,200 riot police stormed onto the campus of Seoul National University Thursday to disperse more than 300 student demonstrators who shouted anti-government slogans, police announced. Officials said that 70 students, including two leaders, were taken into custody for questioning. They said the students hurled rocks, injuring seven police officers in the hour-long demonstration.

It was the first known anti-government student demonstration since Chun lifted martial law Jan. 24. The last anti-government student demonstrations were held in Seoul last November.

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**U.S. denies plans to invite Botha**

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — The U.S. State Department has denied reports that the Reagan administration is considering inviting South African Prime Minister P. W. Botha to visit Washington.

"We have no plans to issue such an invitation, and I don't know where that report came from," said department spokesman William Dyess. "I know of no consideration of such an invitation," he said Thursday.

The report was carried in Thursday's editions of the *Washington Star*. Quoting unidentified State Department sources, the newspaper said the administration also was considering an invitation beforehand to a leading black leader, such as Nigerian President Shehu Shagari, to take out some of the sting that such a shift would mean to black African countries.

No Prime Minister of South Africa ever is visited in the United States. Past U.S. administrations have strongly opposed Africa's policy of apartheid, or racial separation, and have cooperated with various international sanctions against the country.

Dyess said the policy the Reagan administration will follow toward South Africa is still under review. A State Department official said he did not want to be identified as he was certain there would not be any invitation for Botha to visit for at least the next year.

Dyess also denied there were plans to invite a Nigerian president to Washington. The

motive for the reported invitation to Pretoria was said to be the desire to line up with South Africa against Soviet adventurism in the southern part of the continent and to secure strategic minerals.

In return, it was reported, high officials believe they can nudge South Africa toward more flexibility at home. One action said to be hoped for was South Africa's yielding of control over Namibia in elections supervised by the West. No country except South Africa extends diplomatic recognition to the Windhoek government, whose leaders are visiting Washington this week on South African passports.

Reagan has given several signals of displeasure with past U.S. policy. For instance, in an interview with Walter Cronkite on CBS Television two weeks ago, he asked rhetorically, "Can we abandon the country that has stood beside us in every war we've ever fought, a country that strategically is essential to the free world?"

One U.S. measure against South Africa has been a ban on visits by military officers, five of whom obtained visas for a Washington visit last week by posing as civilians, much to the displeasure of the State Department, which disclosed the subterfuge.

The State Department said Thursday that the military officers were granted permission to enter the United States because of an inadvertent error by the South African government in its request for U.S. visas.

The officers spent six days in the United States and left ahead of schedule after the

State Department raised questions about their status.

State Department spokesman Dyess said the long-standing U.S. policy of not granting visas to high-ranking South African military officers remains in effect and that the South African government has been so informed.

In Moscow, Tass said Thursday that the Reagan administration is in "obvious collusion" with the South African white minority government "against the progressive forces of the African continent."

The charge by the official Soviet news agency came as Redgan administration spokesmen denied published U.S. reports the White House was considering inviting South African prime minister.

Tass said Reagan "united the hands of the racists and inspired them, to toughen their aggressive terrorist policy with regard to independent Africa." It referred to a recent South African attack on neighboring Mozambique, whose Marxist black-majority government has close ties with the Soviet Union.

**U.S. shuttle schedule stays**

**Worker dies in mishap**

CAPE CANAVERAL, March 20 (AP) — One worker was killed, a second was critically hurt and four others were nearly asphyxiated Thursday when they blundered into a nitrogen-filled engine compartment of the space shuttle *Columbia* after a rehearsal for next month's launch, NASA officials said.

The accident marred a "super" dress-rehearsal of the shuttle's first launch at the Kennedy Space Center, but U.S. space agency officials in Washington said the accident was not a result of any flaw in the shuttle and said there would be no change in the launch schedule.

The shuttle, delayed repeatedly by technical problems in the past two years, is to lift off sometime during the week of April 5. It was the first launch pad fatality at the space center since a Jan. 27, 1967, flash fire killed three Apollo 1 astronauts during a pre-launch test.

Five Rockwell International employees were working in the AFT section on the orbiter near the engine compartment when they were overcome shortly after 9 a.m. (1400GMT), officials said. A Kennedy Space Center security guard also was overcome when he went in to help.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman said it was unclear why the men went into the compartment. "Right now, we just don't know what they were doing in there," said space center spokesman Chuck Hollinshead. "It all happened in a matter of minutes and we haven't had time to interview people yet to find out

**'Dead' woman revives in U.K.**

STROUD, England, March 20 (AP) — A woman who was removed from a coffin after a mortuary assistant noticed she showed signs of life is back in a hospital bed — sitting up and eating toast.

Jacqueline Rosser, 32, was certified dead Tuesday by a doctor after being found unconscious from a drug overdose at her home in this Gloucestershire county town. "It's a miracle recovery," Mrs. Rosser's father, Harry Harris, said Wednesday. "It's such a tremendous relief. We still can't believe it."

Officials said that Mrs. Rosser, after being certified dead by general practitioner Dr. Graham Voss, was taken by an undertaker to the Gloucester Royal Hospital mortuary, 16 kms from her home. The technicians who wheeled Mrs. Rosser into the mortuary noticed a change in her facial expression. Soon after that, she started breathing, and the technician called the resuscitation unit.

Harris said that his daughter, a divorced mother of two children, remained in a coma throughout Tuesday and regained consciousness Wednesday morning.

**Dacko re-elected president**

BANGUI, March 20 (AP) — Acting Central African Republic President David Dacko has been elected to a six-year term as chief executive of this landlocked African nation with 50.2 per cent of the vote, the nation's supreme court announced Thursday night.

The election was the first time in 17 years that Central Africans had voted for a president and the only time there had been more than one candidate on the ballot in 21-year history of the former French colony.

The election was held Sunday but the inauguration had been delayed by the incompetence of election officials.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed throughout the country, left virtually bankrupt by the regime of former dictator Jean-Bedel Bokassa, and troops were put on alert as the last ballots were counted.

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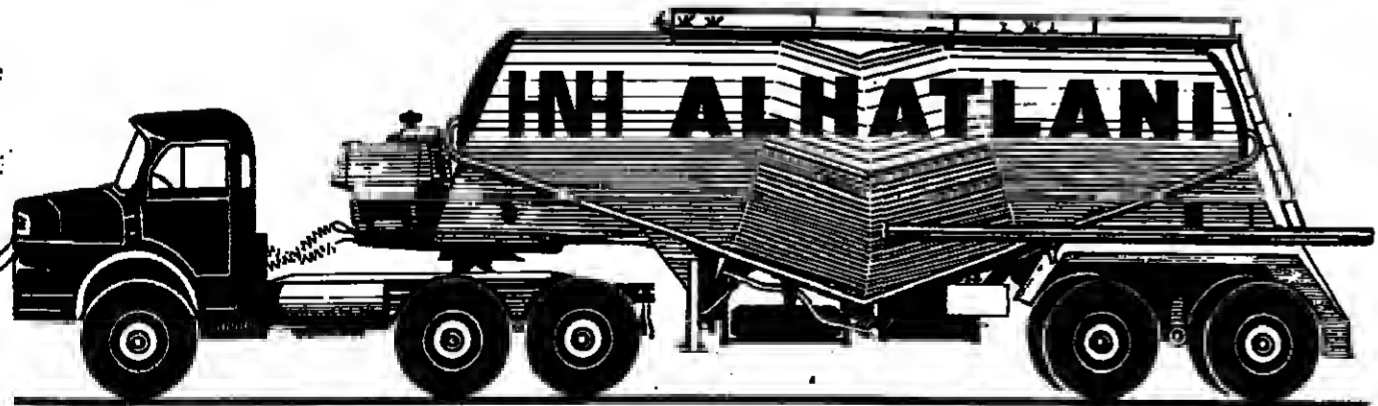
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# U.S. records \$118m trade surplus in 1980

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — The United States' current account — the broadest measure of economic transactions abroad — showed a bare \$118 million surplus in 1980, the first surplus since 1976, the U.S. Commerce Department has reported. The department reported Thursday a deficit of \$705 million for 1979.

The current account showed a \$687 million surplus in the fourth quarter after a third-quarter surplus of \$1.49 billion and deficits in the first two quarters of 1980. "Despite the slowdown in economic activity abroad, export growth remained relatively strong, partly spurred by the depreciation of the dollar against most major currencies in earlier years," the report said in an analysis of the year's record.

It added that "weakness in the U.S. economy in the first half of the year limited increases in both petroleum and non-

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Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.90
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	10.55	10.55
Jordanian Dinar	—	12.28	12.28
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	84.25	83.65
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	72.00	71.50
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Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	44.00
Philippines Peso (100)	7.50	7.64	7.64
Pound Sterling	—	92.00	92.50
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Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	40.00
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petroleum imports," and helped turn the 1979 deficit into a slight 1980 surplus.

In another development, profits of American businesses slowed in the fourth quarter of last year, and the U.S. gross national product rose less than previously estimated, the government reported Wednesday.

Before-tax corporate profits rose 4.9 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1980, after climbing nine per cent in the third, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. After-tax profits rose 3.1 per cent compared with 8.6 per cent for the previous three months.

The "real" gross national product — the value of goods and services after adjustment for inflation — rose at an annual rate of 3.8 per cent. The Commerce Department originally reported a five per cent fourth quarter rise, but revised it to four per cent last month and then revised it again Wednesday to take into account updated and more accurate information.

Inflation, as measured by the broad-based GNP fixed-weighted price index, rose at an annual rate of 10 per cent in the fourth quarter compared to 9.2 per cent in the third, the department reporting.

The report said corporate before-tax profits rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$249.2 billion in the fourth quarter, and after-tax profits rose to \$164.1 billion.

Meanwhile, calling for deeper overall cuts than President Ronald Reagan is seeking, Senate budget writers gave final approval Thursday to a \$36.4 billion package of recommended U.S. government spending reductions for 1982.

On a vote of 20-0, the budget committee sent its recommendations to the full Republican-controlled Senate, backing about \$2.3 billion more in cuts than Reagan asked for in the areas under review.

## Big Jordanian contract goes to French group

AMMAN, March 20 (AP) — A French consortium Wednesday won a \$126 million contract to improve telephone services in Jordan, a government statement reported.

Eight French banks agreed to extend a \$50 million loan to help finance the project that will take 31 months to complete. The rest of the costs is to be put up by King Hussein's government, according to the statement.

## 17.5 % rise in refining capacity of OPEC

VIENNA, March 20 (R) — The 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) boosted their total oil refining capacity by a record 17.5 per cent in 1980, a report in the *OPEC Bulletin* has said.

It said OPEC countries' own refineries now had the capacity to process 6.27 million barrels per day (BPD) of crude oil. OPEC crude output last year averaged 27 million BPD out of total production in the non-communist world of about 50 million BPD.

An open study in January said the oil exporters planned to refine much more of their own crude in the 1980s and take a larger chunk of the world market for oil products. Thursday's report said the increase in capacity came from new construction in Algeria, Iran, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia.

Reviewing world refinery operations, OPEC said West European refineries were running at only 60 to 65 per cent of capacity, unable to expand because of slow economic growth.

## Industrial states suffer \$129 billion trade deficit

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — The world's major industrial countries had their biggest trade deficit in history in 1980, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reported.

The trade deficit of \$129.6 billion in 1980 was about 52 per cent higher than the \$85 billion deficit of 1979, the IMF said Thursday. The 17.1 per cent rise in the industrial countries' exports was more than offset by the 19.7 per cent increase in their aggregate imports, the IMF said.

Although the United States deficit of \$2.3 billion was the largest of the group, it was some \$4.8 billion less than in 1979. France's \$19.6 billion was more than three times that of 1979, but the United Kingdom cut its deficit from \$11.9 billion less than \$4.8 billion during the period. West Germany's 1980 surplus of nearly \$5 billion was down sharply from its \$12.2 billion surplus of 1979.

The IMF said the industrial countries aggregate exports in 1980 amounted to \$1,237.5 billion, but the value of their imports surpassed this by \$129.6 billion.

The countries with the largest deficits were the United States with \$32.3 billion, France \$19.6 billion, Switzerland \$6.7 billion and the

United Kingdom \$4.8 billion.

The IMF said the value of its member countries' aggregate foreign exchange reserves increased by 44.7 Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) in 1980, of which the industrial countries accounted for about 60 per cent and the oil exporting countries 34 per cent.

The IMF said changes in the industrial countries' foreign exchange reserves followed a mixed pattern in January.

## Tehran rules out hike in oil output

TEHRAN, March 20 (R) — Iran does not intend to boost its oil output, the government spokesman has said.

Behzad Nabavi, who is also minister of state for executive affairs, told a news conference Wednesday oil will be the biggest source of revenue in the budget for the year beginning March 21, but added: "Production will not be high."

Output levels are kept secret and Nabavi would not give figures. But Western oil company executives outside Iran have put current exports at one million barrels per day. They have speculated that output could rise

## Japanese cars

### U.S. favors voluntary cut

WASHINGTON, March 20 (R) — President Ronald Reagan received a cabinet report Thursday suggesting that a voluntary agreement to limit Japanese car imports might help the troubled U.S. car industry.

The industry is seeking a cut in the 1.9 million cars shipped annually by Japan to the United States. Officials said another proposal in the report dealt with the possibility of government aid to the industry which also has the financial burden of retrofitting to build small, fuel-efficient cars.

Japanese Trade Minister Robushe Tanaka said Wednesday he hoped Japanese car makers would agree to voluntary restraints on exports. But U.S. attorney General William French Smith said a voluntary pact would be jeopardized by private lawsuits unless backed by Japanese law. Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito told a press conference in Tokyo Thursday: "I am sympathetic to the plight of the U.S. car industry,

but we should maintain the principle to free trade."

Ito, who is leaving at the weekend for talks in Washington, said he would not offer cuts in car exports. President Reagan will not make any decision on the car industry this week, his spokesman said.

West German Economic Affairs Minister Otto Lamsdorff said Wednesday that a trade war could result in the U.S. set quotas on car imports from Japan.

He said West European countries would demand a similar arrangement with Japan so that they would not be flooded with Japanese cars turned away by the United States.

Lamsdorff said there had been growing pressures in Europe for limiting imports and that forces favoring protectionism could gain the upper hand if the U.S. curbs Japanese imports. Such action by the administration would touch off a "chain reaction all over the world, especially in the European community," he said.

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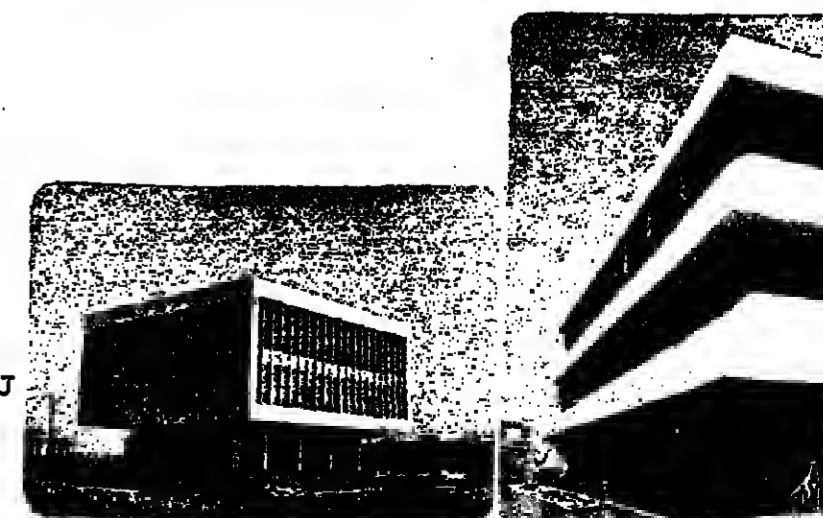
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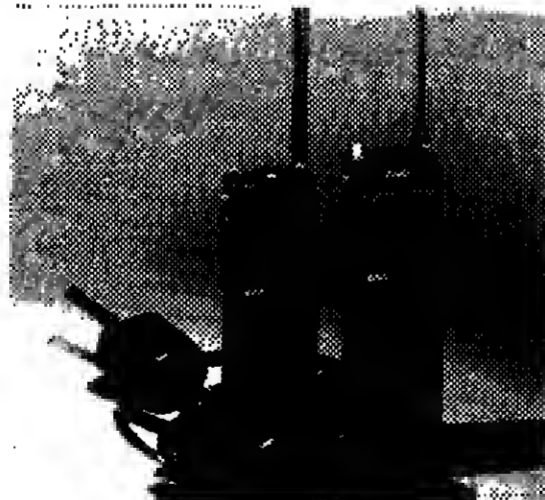
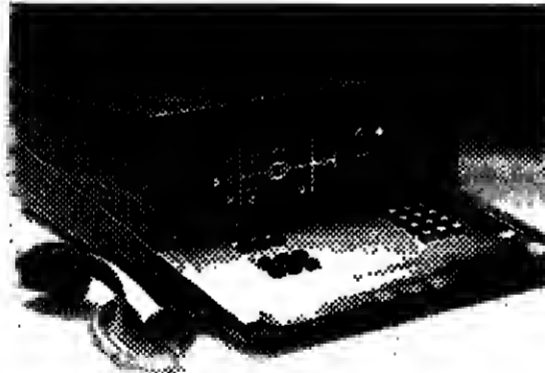
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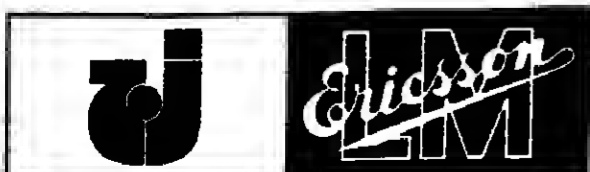
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# Spot-kick goal takes Bahrain past Syria

By Munir Muhammad Ali

RIYADH, March 20 — A spot-kick goal, seconds from the final whistle, enabled Bahrain to shock Syria 1-0 in the World Cup Soccer Asian Group Two qualifying round Thursday. The all-important goal was scored by Faud Abu Shager.

Syria, rated as the third best team after Iraq and Saudi Arabia, made several scoring attempts which were blocked by the agile Bahraini goalkeeper, Mahmoud Sultan.

The match started with a swift assault by the Syrian team. Bahrain counter-attacked and earned two corner which proved abortive. The Syrians were more at home with the roaring vocal support of Syrian spectators in the Kingdom, who formed a big share of spectators.

The crowd joined the Armed Forces orchestra as it played the Syrian national anthem. The game, in general, was of better standard than Wednesday's opening match

between Iraq and Qatar. The game was marked by smooth and cool play as well as unfinished attacks.

The Syrian team depended on long passes and took long shots at the rival goal that Bahrain goalkeeper Sultan had no problem. Play was equally controlled by both team in the two halves. Sultan, 23 years, displayed some of his antiques in saving some powerful shots. One of the best goalkeepers in the Gulf, Sultan emerged as a star at the sixth Gulf championship held in Iraq in 1979.

He had represented the Gulf selected team in its match against West German Hamburg in Kuwait last year. The game ended in a 5-5 tie, and Sultan who played the second half only conceded a single goal to the Germans.



**SAILING HIGH:** Qatar goalkeeper Muhammad Wafa (22) fists the ball away before Iraq's Hussain Said can get to it. Said scored Iraq's only goal in the opening match.

# Real Madrid makes it all-Western semis

MADRID, March 20 (R) — Real Madrid completed an all-western semifinal lineup in the European Soccer Cup when they beat Spartak Moscow 2-0 in a second leg quarter-final Thursday night. The Russians came to Spain after a goalless first-leg.

Second-half replacement Isidro Diaz hit both goals before a 110,000 capacity crowd, snuffing out Russian hopes of keeping a East European presence among the last four.

Real, six times winners of the Cup, launched waves of attacks marshalled by West German Uli Söckike against a defence which gave little ground and was quick to counter-attack.

Midway through the second half Spartak's Yuri Gavrilov tore away on the left but with a fine chance failed to beat goalkeeper Mariano Garcia-Ramon. Three minutes later when once again the defence was caught off guard he shot wide.

Real promptly revived their pressure and with 21 minutes to go Isidro struck home a cross from the left through a packed goal-mouth.

Eight minutes later goalkeeper Rinat Dasaev failed to hold a header from the menacing Carlos Nüllana and Isidro scored from close in.

Earlier, England's Liverpool, Bayern Munich of West Germany and Italy's Inter-Milan made the last four grade.

Liverpool and Bayern were expected to complete victory over East European opposition, but Red Star Belgrade, having emerged from the away leg against Inter with a 1-1 draw, were tipped to survive in front of their own fans.

But the 75,000 Yugoslavs were shocked when Carlo Muraro scored from outside the area in the 13th minute and heavy Red Star pressure failed to produce an equalizer.

Liverpool's win in Bulgaria followed a similar pattern — with the difference that the English champions began 5-1 up against

Cska Sofia. David Johnson scored Liverpool's goal, pouncing on a rebound when Sammy Lee hit the post in the 11th minute, and though Cska spurned several chances, including a penalty, Liverpool's survival was never in doubt.

In Ostrava, Bayern extended their 2-0 home leg lead by lethal counter-attacks which had them 4-1 up in 38 minutes. The Czechoslovaks came back in the second half but had only one goal to show for their pressure as the Bavarians slowed the game down to protect their lead.

In Belgium, AZ'67 Alkmaar, invincible leaders in the Dutch league, suffered a rare defeat when they could find no answer to a first half goal by Lokeren's Rene Verteyen. But they had brought a 2-0 lead from the home leg and made good their place in the last four of the UEFA Cup 2-1 on aggregate.

Cologne of West Germany completed the semifinals in the UEFA cup, beating Belgium's Standard Liege by a goal only four minutes from the end.

After a goalless draw in Belgium, the Germans went ahead through Dieter Mueller.

Helmut Graf cancelled that out and the Belgians in turn led through Vandersmissen. Rainer Bonhof, veteran of two World Cup final series, made it 2-2 and finally the 21-year-old Pierre Littbarski hit the winner.

Standard international back Renquin was ordered off as the game boiled over near the end. By way of postscript, standard manager Ernst Happel said later he plans to switch to the creek West German club Hamburg.

As expected, Tbilisi Dinamo kept the Soviet flag flying in the Cup Winners' Cup, despite losing the home leg to England's West Ham 1-0.

Feyenoord Rotterdam, chasing AZ'67 in the Dutch league, put a decisive four goals past Bulgarians Slavia Sofia.

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# Eichelberger begins well

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida, March 20 (AP) — Dave Eichelberger, who has a habit of success under the most adverse weather conditions, birdied the last three holes for a 4-under-par 68 and a share of the first round lead Thursday in the \$440,000 tournament Players Golf Championship.

He was tied for the top spot in the annual championship of golf's touring pros with longshot Mike Morley, who holed a 30-yard sand shot for one of his six birdies.

Jim Deot was the only man in the field, the strongest field of the year, able to escape with out a bogey. He was tied at 69 with Barry Jaeckel, who said it "was a survival test. We

had a little of everything, winds, rain, cold." And that was before things got tough.

Eichelberger, Morley, Dent and Jaeckel played in the morning. Conditions deteriorated in the afternoon. The rain stopped, but the winds increased, gusting to 35 miles per hour or more and made a mockery of the best efforts of some of golf's finest players.

Jack Nicklaus, for example, shot a 75 that included a double bogey on the tough fifth hole. Arnold Palmer birdied the 18th for the same total.

Masters champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain shot 77. Gary player of South Africa was two shots higher at 79.

David Graham, a former PGA national champion and winner of the Phoenix Open earlier this season, had an 82.

# Connors moves ahead

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, March 20 (AFP) — American Jimmy Connors qualified for the semifinals of the Rotterdam Tennis Tournament, a WCT event, beating Dutch player Eric Wilbort 6-1, 6-1 here Thursday.

Connors will play compatriot Sandy Mayer who got the better of Bill Scanlon (U.S.) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

France's Yannick Noah, who beat Rolf Gehring (West Germany) 6-4, 6-2, will take on American Brian Gottfried in the other quarterfinals. In another second round

match, Buster Mottram (Britain) beat Fritz Buehner (U.S.) 7-5, 6-1.

In the first round doubles event, McNeil and Scanlon (U.S.) beat Lutz and Millan 6-3, 7-6 while Amritraj and Stewart (India/U.S.) beat Warwick and Dupre (Australia/U.S.) 7-6, 5-7, 6-3.

In Boston, American Chris Ever-Loyd and East German Sylvia Hanika made headway in the International Tennis tournament. Chris beat Joanne Russel (U.S.) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; while Sylvia beat Hana Mandlikova (Czech) 7-6, 6-1.


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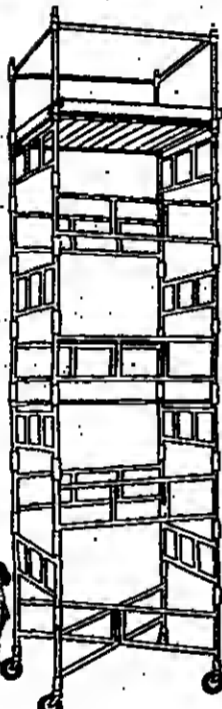
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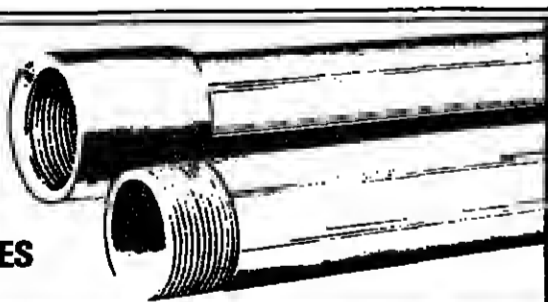
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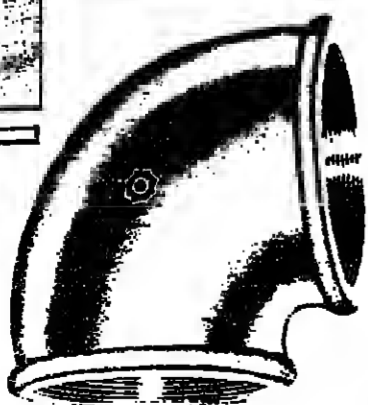


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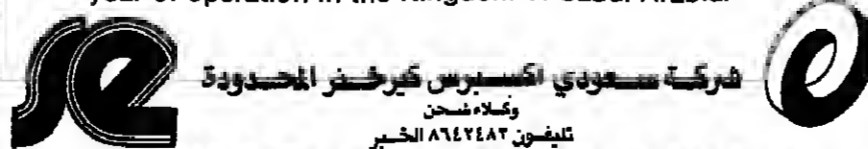
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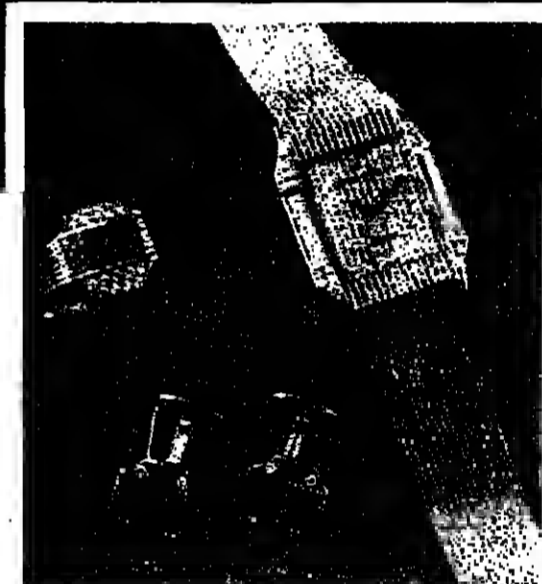
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**Bidding Quiz**

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1. ♠Q62 ♥95 ♦AK83 ♣KJ74

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	1♣

2. ♠KQ1083 ♥KQ95 ♦K4 ♣A2

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	?	Pass

3. ♠AQJ85 ♥Q6 ♦AK84 ♣J2

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass

1. Pass. North's one heart bid is 100 per cent forcing, but you are under no obligation to bid after East intervenes with one spade. There is no way for you to know, at this stage, whether North's response was based on 6, or 10, or even 16 high-card points, nor can you tell yet what kind of distribution North has. When East enters the auction with one spade, you are presented with an opportunity to tell partner that you started with minimum values for an opening bid. In the present case, you convey that message eloquently by passing one spade. North has another bid coming after East's overall, and there is therefore no chance of his being left at the post with a

2. Four notrump. It seems clear that partner has a one-trick mind - he likes diamonds. North probably has seven to the A-Q-J or something similar, and your best bid under the circumstances is to learn how many aces North has. Accordingly, you use Blackwood. You plan to pass if partner responds five diamonds, showing one ace; to bid six diamonds if he responds five hearts, showing two aces; to bid seven diamonds if he responds five spades, showing three aces, even though there is a small risk that your grand slam undertaking may fail. Three notrump. It would be wrong to bid only two notrump. Your one spade opening bid and two diamond rebid could have been based on minimum values - for example, you might have bid the same way with only 13 high-card points. Since you have 17 points, and your extra values have not yet been portrayed, you can best identify them now by jumping to three notrump. A two spade bid would be incorrect on two counts. It would understate your high-card values and would fail to represent your balanced distribution.

**Your Individual Horoscope**

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Responsibilities in connection with close ties could preoccupy you now. Be willing to do more than your share, if necessary.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)

You may be in a working mood today. Some of you tackle leftover assignments from the work week. Be careful not to overdo.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)

You may hear from an old sweetheart. Some of you will share your leisure time with a parent or catch up on social obligations.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)

A domestic project may require the cooperation of others. Together, you'll make more progress than if you handle the task by yourself.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)

A work worry could put you in a serious mood. Some of you will tackle a mental challenge. A relative may request your assistance.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Someone may renege on an agreement to purchase something from you. Try not

to let financial concerns put you in a down mood.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Today you may be somewhat cautious or self-conscious. Also, you may be concerned about a domestic matter. Overcome self-doubt.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You may visit a shut-in or be concerned about somebody's health. You're inclined to magnify woes now. Give yourself a break.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You may attend a somewhat conventional party. Friends could involve you in their problems. Curb a tendency to be restless.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Career matters preoccupy you. Try not to stifle your own creativity. A friend could get on your nerves. Guard against depression.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Possible delays or complications likely in connection with travel. The proverbial in-law problem may arise now. Maintain harmony.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

You may have mixed feelings about asking a friend for a loan or favor. Your own concern about finances limits spending now.

**Crossword**

by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

1 Dam's mate

5 Editor's mark

10 Much loved one

11 Screamer

12 Liquefy

13 Sage advice source

14 French dance

15 Three,

18 Crazy

17 The high cost of leaving

19 Cholera

20 Finger

21 French angel

22 Molten substance

24 Court attendants

25 Likewise

26 Playwright Connelly

27 Make grillee

28 Town in Mass.

31 I love (Lat.)

32 Formic acid maker

33 "Where the Boys..." (1961 song)

34 Uncover

36 Outer coat

37 Poem

38 Pa. city

39 Demolished

40 On a ship

**DOWN**

1 Lion

2 Perfect

3 Rock group

4 Porter

5 Actor Wendell

6 - loss

7 Moving furniture

8 Expand

9 Squirrel monkeys

11 Noted opera singer

15 Former TV cop

18 Hawaiian bird

21 Swiss river

22 "Moment of truth" man

23 Calif. city

24 Sunder

26 French painter

28 Plodded through

29 Palmer

30 Greek

35 Mexican tree

36 Cartoonist Gardner

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:**

**A X Y D L B A A X E**  
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**CRYPTOQUOTES**

**N W O I B E M V Q X O V A D F S B W V**  
**N A V O D P X V N U M E R Z N V F B**  
**V O D P X V Q E R R - V . X . X D J R B Z**

Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE SECRET OF SUCCESS LIES NOT IN DOING YOUR OWN WORK, BUT IN RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT MAN TO DO IT. -ANDREW CARNEGIE

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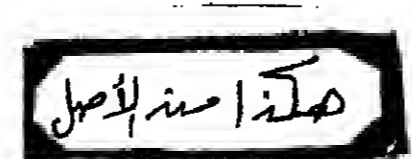
**A STATUE IN PORT ELIZABETH, SO. AFRICA, HONORS ALL THE CAVALRY HORSES KILLED IN BATTLE.**  
Submitted by Tom Higgins, Gettysburg, Md.

**arab news CALENDAR**

<p><b>CHILDREN'S TV</b></p> <p>4:30 Children Show</p> <p>5:00 Safari Film</p> <p>5:00 AFC championship</p> <p>7:30 Little House on the prairie</p> <p>8:23 Rehearsal</p> <p>9:16 Dallas</p>	<p><b>RAINBOW COUNTRY</b> Tower</p> <p>How to have an assistant in the home</p> <p>Oakland vs San Diego</p> <p>High Journey - PT 2</p> <p>Episode 2</p> <p>Remont - PT 2</p>	<p><b>P.M. 8:00 News Roundup</b></p> <p>Reports - Analyses - Opinion - Analyses</p> <p>9:30 Dateline News Summary</p> <p>9:00 Special English</p> <p>News Feature: The Making of a Nation</p> <p>News Summary</p> <p>9:30 Music USA: (Standards)</p> <p>10:00 News Roundup</p> <p>Reports - Analyses - Opinion - Analyses</p>	<p><b>VOA</b></p> <p>News Summary</p> <p>10:30 VOA Magazine America: Letter Cultural, Letter</p> <p>11:30 Special English - News</p> <p>11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)</p> <p>12:00 VOA WORLD REPORT: Midnight</p> <p>12:00 News newsmakers' voices</p> <p>12:00 World News Roundup</p> <p>12:00 World News Roundup</p> <p>12:00 World News Roundup</p> <p>12:00 World News Roundup</p> <p>12:00 World News Roundup</p>	<p><b>SABDI RADIO-ENGLISH SERVICE</b></p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Afternoon Transmission</p> <p>Time</p> <p>2:00 Opening</p> <p>2:01 Holy Quran</p> <p>2:06 Program Review</p> <p>2:07 Gema of Gladness</p> <p>2:12 Light Music</p> <p>2:15 On Islam</p> <p>2:25 A Chai &amp; A Song</p> <p>2:55 Light Music</p> <p>3:00 The News</p> <p>3:15 Light Music</p> <p>3:20 Islamic Activities in Focus</p> <p>3:45 Light Music</p> <p>3:48 Light Music</p> <p>3:50 Closing</p> <p>Time</p> <p>8:01 Opening</p> <p>8:01 Holy Quran</p> <p>8:06 Program Review</p> <p>8:07 Gema of Gladness</p> <p>8:12 Hope &amp; Music</p> <p>8:45 The Golden Age</p> <p>9:00 A Viewpoint</p> <p>9:15 A Leaf From Life's Notebook</p> <p>9:30 The News</p> <p>9:40 S. Chronicle</p> <p>10:15 In A Nutshell</p> <p>10:45 Today's Short Story</p> <p>10:55 Today's Verse</p> <p>11:30 Light Music</p> <p>11:45 A Remembrance With Dreams</p> <p>12:00 Closing</p>	<p><b>RADIO FRANCAISE</b></p> <p>Langueurs d'été 1</p> <p>FM 98 Mezzanotte</p> <p>Onate Courte: 11:55 Mezzanotte dans le harem des 25m.</p> <p>Onate Moyenne: 14:05 Mezzanotte dans le harem des 20m.</p> <p>Variations de la Méditerranée du Samedi</p> <p>8:01 Verset Et Commentaire</p> <p>8:10 Musique Classique</p> <p>8:15 Variétés</p> <p>9:00 Informations</p> <p>9:15 Variétés</p> <p>9:30 Une Émission religieuse: A l'école du Prophète</p> <p>9:45 Variétés</p> <p>9:58 Chœur</p> <p>Variétés du Samedi du Samedi</p> <p>10:40 Ouverture</p> <p>10:10 Verset Et Commentaire</p> <p>10:10 Musique Classique</p> <p>10:30 Émission Culturelle: A Côté du concert</p> <p>10:45 Émission de Variétés: "Midi-Clair"</p> <p>10:45 Musique Africaine Parade</p> <p>10:55 Mezzanotte</p> <p>10:30 Informations</p> <p>10:40 Revue de Presse</p> <p>10:45 Variétés: "Musique d'été"</p> <p>10:55 Clôture</p>	<p><b>Mosque SATURDAY</b></p> <p>Prayer: 17:00, 17:45, 17:50 (KEZ)</p> <p>Wavelength: 16.74, 16.81, 13.82 (meter)</p> <p>7:55 Religious Program</p> <p>8:00 Q.E.W.</p> <p>8:10 Film Song</p> <p>8:30 Sports Round-up</p> <p>9:00 NEWS</p> <p>9:03 Studio's Program</p> <p>9:23 Folk Music</p>	<p><b>RADIO PAKISTAN</b> Evening</p> <p>Prayer: 17:16, 17:56, 17:58 (KEZ)</p> <p>Wavelength: 16.74, 13.96, 13.97 (meter)</p> <p>4:30 Religious Program</p> <p>4:40 Light Music</p> <p>5:15 Classical Music</p> <p>5:45 Light Classical Music</p> <p>6:00 NEWS</p> <p>6:15 Press Review</p> <p>6:21 On This Day</p> <p>6:25 Song</p>
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### Walesa cancels France trip

## Poles begin strikes after police beating

WARSAW, March 20 (Agencies) — The independent union Solidarity declared a nationwide strike alert Friday and began two-hour warning strikes in Grudziadz, Torun and Bydgoszcz after police beat some 25 farm activists Thursday, union sources said.

The Bydgoszcz incident was the first major violent clash between police and protesters since last summer's labor rebellion began and led to the formation of the independent union. Two-hour strikes shut down Bydgoszcz and Torun to the southeast and Grudziadz to the northeast at 11 a.m., the union said.

Some 200 uniformed and plainclothes police stormed the government building in Bydgoszcz Thursday night, forcibly evicting the farmers and beating some 25, including local Solidarity leader and a member of the Solidarity ruling presidium. Jan Rulcowski, who was hospitalized with a possible concussion, union officials said.

Hospital officials said Rulcowski, another Solidarity leader Maniusz Abentowicz and a third person were out of danger in the intensive care unit of the "Wyzny" hospital there.

Photos of Rulcowski and Abentowicz, lying on the ground and spattered with blood were posted on walls and fences around the city

beneath red and white Polish flags and Solidarity banners.

A loudspeaker near the Solidarity headquarters blamed the union leaders' charge that the incident "is a direct provocation of local authorities" against the government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski. The premier has offered dialogue with workers and asked for a 90-day respite from strike one month ago.

Hospitals, essential health and food services and some enterprises were exempted from the warning strike, union leaders said. Railway services in Bydgoszcz, an important junction and industrial town of 350,000 people were not disrupted by the strike, the union said.

Solidarity sources said that national union leader Lech Walesa had canceled his scheduled trip to France which was to begin Sunday, citing the current situation in Bydgoszcz as the cause.

Meanwhile, West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher held a second round of talks with his Polish counterpart Friday and met Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania, the Polish news agency PAP said.

Genscher is on a two-day visit to Poland



WARSAW WELCOME: Polish Foreign Minister Jozef Czyrak (right) welcomes West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher at the Warsaw airport Thursday.

and is the first major Western government officials to visit here this year. His talks concern East-West relations and Poland's staggering foreign debt, estimated at \$23 billion.

Genscher met Polish Foreign Minister Jozef Czyrak Friday and discussed relations between their two countries and "problems of the international situation," PAP said. Speaking at a dinner given by Czyrak

## U.S. seeks Argentina arms sales

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — The Reagan administration, citing Argentina's importance to U.S. national security interests, has asked Congress to repeal legislation barring military sales to that country.

Undersecretary of State James L. Buckley said Thursday the restrictions have "frustrated serious dialogue with the Argentines regarding mutual strategic concerns."

Buckley testified before a House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs. He said Argentina's importance to U.S. foreign policy interests stems primarily from its strategic importance alongside vital lines of communication in the southern Atlantic.

He said a continuation of the existing ban "clearly is not in our interest." Buckley's remarks followed a visit here earlier this week by Argentine President-designate Roberto Viola, who met with President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr.

State Department spokesman William Dye said closer U.S. relations with Argentina's military government are justified because of improvements in the human rights situation there.

Buckley said the administration also wants repeal of a 1980 measure that forbids U.S. military or paramilitary aid to pro-Western rebels fighting the Marxist government of Angola unless Congress approves such assistance.

He said the measure wrongly "constitutes a unique and unusually all-encompassing restriction on U.S. policy options toward an individual nation."

Democratic Congressman Clement Zablocki, chairman of the International Security and Scientific Affairs Subcommittee, reacted with caution to Buckley's request for those repeals and for greater administrative leeway in military sales and grants to foreign nations. "I don't think Congress is going to abdicate its responsibilities," he committed.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

An English acquaintance told me: "These so-called parliamentary elections in Kuwait were a bit of a joke, weren't they?" I sat up in surprise. "How come?" "Come, come," he said. "It was only window dressing. That was quite clear. Nothing to do with real democracy." "That's it, I thought. He's asked for it, and he's going to get it. The full sermon on 'them and us'. It's no holds barred from now on. It's the gunpowder and swordplay and devil take the hindmost. "Listen to me, brother. Mark me well." (That got him really worried. He shifted uneasily in his chair. He had made that mistake with me before. He remembered now, but it was too late. A desperate, resigned look came into his eyes.) "How can we win with you, brother, you just tell me that. God knows we try. You can't deny that. But if we don't hold elections then this is proof positive of our backwardness. If we hold them, it's all a sham, and what do we know about democracy anyway. "Then, having held them, if the results were not to your liking, then this shows how we have no idea. And if it was, if there was a fight in parliament every day, then the end is nigh, as you always thought, of course. "But it's not only the matter of elections and parliaments is it? We sold you oil at a dollar a barrel and that meant of course that we were ruining your own oil industries, the folks back in Texas. Then we upped it to \$40 and that's barefaced robbery, and we are a threat to civilization as you know it. "And then there's the matter of our clothes. We dress in our own time honored way and we are quaint. We take up European dress and we are bad copies... "Then take history..." "Good heavens," he said getting up quickly — I made the mistake of pausing for breath — "Will you look at the time..." and out he rushed before I could enlighten him more.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwad.

## Labor M.P. defects to new party

LONDON, March 20 (AP) — The fledgling Social Democrat faction in Britain's House of Commons gained its 14th recruit Thursday night. Opposition Labor member of parliament Edward Lyons, a 54-year-old lawyer on the right-wing of his party, said he would cross the floor of the House Monday to join the 13 other Social Democrats.

The Social Democrats plan to launch their new movement as a formal political party on March 26. At the moment their ranks in the Commons consist of 12 rebel Laborites and one disenchanted Conservative.

Lyons, Labor MP from the northern industrial city of Bradford for 14 years, said in a prepared statement that in common with many other Labor supporters he had been "increasingly miserable about the direction of the party and the atmosphere within it." He told his local constituents at a meeting Thursday night that he would not stand as a Labor candidate at the next election, due by May 1984.

"I believe passionately in parliamentary democracy, but I have to share the Labor Party with the followers of Trotsky, who did not," said Lyons, referring to the leftward swing by Labor, which has ruled Britain in regular alternation with the Conservatives since World War II.

The rebels quitting Labor are particularly upset by new party policies stripping elected MPs of some of their independence, and committing a Labor-run Britain to unilateral disarmament, widespread nationalization and withdrawal from the European Economic Community.

## Dollar gains

LONDON, March 20 (AP) — Rising Eurodollar rates and technical reaction to the week's earlier losses gave the dollar a boost Friday. It scored gains across the board. Gold prices were stable in Europe.

Dealers noted a widespread belief that the immediate decline in U.S. interest rates had bottomed out. In the background, traders added, was a reluctance to sell the dollar short in view of continuing tension in Poland. The British pound slumped 1 1/2 cents to \$2.2683 (\$2.2835).

In Tokyo, the dollar closed the week at 208.55 yen, up from 207.90 Thursday and 207.65 a week ago. Trading was heavy and dealers noted caution because of controversy over Japan-U.S. car sales. In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at 208.88 yen.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$509.50 a troy ounce, unchanged. In Zurich, gold traded for \$50.50 down \$1. In Hong Kong, gold fell \$9.25 to close at \$510.41. In New York Thursday gold finished at \$510.

## Japanese make headway in treatment of cancer

CHICAGO, March 20 (AP) — A team of Japanese research physicians say they have developed a cancer therapy system that can deliver powerful drugs directly to the site of malignant tumors.

The doctors reported an experiment using the technique — which they call "chemoembolization" — in the March 20 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

In a separate editorial, JAMA editors said the technique "presents an interesting concept with considerable potential," because it incorporates two promising techniques in destroying tumors.

Doctors at Akita University school of medicine encapsulated tiny doses of a virulent anti-cancer drug called mitomycin, which works by preventing DNA synthesis, into cellulose capsules tiny enough to pass through the bloodstream but lodge near the tumor site.

Then, using a catheter, doctors squirted the capsules into arteries at the site of a malignant tumor in 56 patients suffering varying types of cancers in two-to-five-week intervals. Preliminary results appeared to be impressive. "Substantial tumor reduction of greater than 30 per cent in measurable maximum diameter was found in 65 per cent of the tumors," the report stated.

It added that 80 per cent of the patients who underwent the treatment noticed a decrease in pain and that the technique

"facilitated" tumor surgery in 82 per cent of cases when used before the operation. In addition, the report said that 37 patients, who underwent the experiment from March 1978 to December 1979 remain alive today.

The technique apparently worked two ways. First, it directed the strong anti-cancer drug only to the site of the tumor. Conventional anti-cancer drugs are essentially cell-killing drugs and taking large doses of them damages normal tissues as well.

Delivering the drugs to the specific location at which they're needed relieved some side effects and allowed intra-arterial doses to be increased to twice that which patients normally can tolerate while decreasing the pain they experienced. The cellulose shell in which the drug was delivered to the tumor site also apparently acted as a time release capsule — delivering more of the drug more efficiently over time than drugs delivered in the bloodstream.

Secondly, the report stated that using relatively large capsules to deliver the drug to the tumor site also apparently served to serve to cut off the blood supply in tiny arteries near the tumor thus denying the tumor oxygen and other needed nutrients.

A number of patients reported side effects from the treatment. Symptoms in some patients included varying degrees of blood toxicity, local pain and occasional high fever.

### On arms curbs

## NATO favors talks with Soviets

BRUSSELS, March 20 (R) — The Western alliance favors a dialogue with the Soviet Union using all appropriate channels, including a summit meeting, NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns has said. But NATO thinks that such a dialogue, at whatever level, "should be carefully prepared, have a clear purpose and give reason to believe it could bring concrete results."

Luns told reporters Thursday what he thought was the consensus emerging among the 15 alliance countries on letters sent by President Leonid Brezhnev to Western governments on arms curbs and East-West relations. He said the letters were rather restrained and moderate "but that the general view was that the alliance would judge Soviet intentions on the basis of its actions and its willingness to show restraint."

Luns said the alliance could not accept Brezhnev's proposal of a moratorium on deployment of medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe because it would confirm the imbalance in favor of the Soviet Union. "They propose to freeze what they have and to freeze what we don't have," he said.

NATO does not have land-based missiles capable of hitting Soviet territory while Moscow has at least 110 SS-20 missiles aimed at western Europe, he added.

NATO remained committed to its 1979 decision to deploy nearly 600 Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Europe while at the same time offering arms curb negotiations with the Soviet Union. Luns said West Germany, Italy and Britain had confirmed their willingness to go ahead with the modernization program. He expected the Belgian government to take some decision about it before the end of the year.

He believed Moscow would be ready to resume the U.S.-Soviet negotiations on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe and that NATO will discuss this month the way this could be done.

Luns said NATO noted with satisfaction the Soviet acceptance to extend the zone for confidence-building measures (CBMs) to the whole European part of the Soviet Union and that it was an important step toward the Western position.

## Mrs. Guillaume freed in between Germanys

BONN, March 20 (AP) — Christel Guillaume, who was convicted of treason in the 1974 spy scandal that led to the resignation of Chancellor Willy Brandt, has been exchanged for West Germans imprisoned in East Germany, a government spokesman said Friday.

Mrs. Guillaume is the wife of Gueter Guillaume, a former top aide to Brandt who was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment for treason after he was unmasked as an East German spy.

Mrs. Guillaume was sentenced to eight years in prison for carrying secret documents from her husband to the East Germans.

Spokesman Kurt Becker said the prisoner exchange was being carried out for humanitarian reasons. He said several per-

## 124 Iranians killed, claims Iraq

BEIRUT, March 20 (R) — Iraq has said that 124 Iranians and 17 Iraqis were killed in 24 hours in fighting on two main battlefronts in the Gulf war.

A high command communique quoted by the official Iraqi news agency (INA) said 35 Iranians were killed when the Gilan-e-Gharb area of western Kermanshah province was shelled and 37 in a similar attack in the Susangerd area of Khuzestan province.

The Iranians also lost five tanks, a troop carrier and 14 other vehicles, while two Iraqi tanks were put out of action, the communique said. A similar communique Wednesday said the Iranians lost 338 men in fighting around Gilan-e-Gharb and Susangerd.

Meanwhile, Iran confirmed Thursday Iraqi reports of fierce fighting around Gilan-e-Gharb, but said its forces had recaptured the highest points. The official Pars news agency said 50 Iraqis were killed and 32 captured in the area Thursday and that the Iraqi retreat had been hampered by minefields laid by the Iraqis themselves. Thirteen Iraqis were killed, Pars said.

The agency also spoke of a dawn-to-dusk artillery battle close to Qasr-e-Shirin, a strategic border town on the main road to Baghdad which was taken by the Iraqis early in the war.

In Tehran, the Islamic Republic newspaper reported that Iranian soldiers and revolutionary guards had killed 200 Iraqis and captured 31



AT NATO HEADQUARTERS: NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns addresses a press conference at his office in Brussels Thursday. To his left is Antonio De Campos, a NATO spokesman.

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